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MARINES LEAVING TSINGTAO?

Communist Shells Drop Near City's Airport DEFENSIVE WAR PLANS

Tsingtao, February 1.

Chinese Communist mortar shells are falling within one mile of Tsingtao's airport and there are indications today that the United States Marines stationed here may be getting ready to leave.

Apathetic Feeling In Canton

Canton, February 1.

In an atmosphere of local apathy the stage is being set for the establishment of Canton as the new capital of Nationalist China.

Following the arrival of hundreds of Government officials, many legislators are now coming South from Nanking and the influx is expected to increase during the next few days. At the same time representatives of many of Nanking's 38 foreign missions have begun to assemble in Canton.

Few high ranking legislators have yet arrived but Chinese sources state that the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, and the Finance Minister, Mr. Wu Te-chen, are due tomorrow.

They are said to be coming to set up what is described as a central office to be staffed and operated by political leaders who are already here.

Chinese sources also predict that the acting President, General Li Tcheng-jen, will come to Canton shortly on an inspection tour. This tour, it is believed, will take him to Hainan Island which, it is generally expected, will be the main base for the Chinese Navy once the Central authorities have settled down.

30 Americans

Large groups of Americans and Russians have already reached Canton, the former totalling about 30. Three members of the British Embassy staff arrived today and three more are expected tomorrow.

An Australian representative has also arrived and four Indians are due tomorrow. The plan of the Canadians is not known here as no representative has yet arrived nor is any expected.

The greatest difficulty is apparently being met by representatives of the Central Government in finding accommodation for the large number of officials and legislators who are moving South.

Taking advantage of the demand, hotel keepers and landlords are asking high rents which the Government representatives are not prepared to pay.

The city's largest and most modern hotel has been requisitioned for foreign representatives. Informal observers in Canton are still not convinced that the Government can move South and continue to operate effectively. They point out that apart from moneyed interests, the Kwangtung capital offers no backing, either in men or morale.

Observers believe that if the Communists are not held at the Yangtze it will be only a matter of months before they will reach the South.

Canton at present is projected mainly by an ill-equipped and partially trained provincial force and there is little likelihood of an effective military body being brought South. The most formidable military force that has arrived recently consists of fewer than 20 light tanks and scout cars.—Jupiter-AAP.

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One Chinese commercial plane was hurried on its way after a pre-dawn take-off by a burst of tracer bullets that fell short. The crew of another said they were menaced by shells from what they guessed to be a 40-pound gun. Last night a volley of mortar shells dropped within one mile of the airfield.

It is known the Communists have enough power in the hills ringing Tsingtao to capture the city the same as they took Tientsin.

Tsingtao is headquarters of the U.S. Western Pacific Fleet under Vice Admiral Oscar Badger.

The airport is used by American naval and marine planes as well as commercial aircraft and warplanes of the Chinese air force. Firing in the direction of the airport increased yesterday.

There still has been no clear official indication from American officials, including Admiral Badger, on immediate American plans. However, there are steady preparations pointing to early withdrawal of the greatest part of the Western Pacific Fleet headquarters.

Ready To Load

The docks where U.S. Navy transports berth are a beehive of activity. Wharves alongside ships are cluttered with packing crates, jeeps and eight-wheeled trucks being made ready for loading.

One Marine private on the docks said orders had gone out to get all Marine gear in Tsingtao loaded aboard ships. He added that none of the men had been told of future plans.

Both the Marine and naval communications ashore had been dismantled. Edgewater Mansions, the biggest and best shore billet, were closed down last week-end.

About 180 Marines are still billeted ashore but the rest of the Marines and all naval personnel have now been placed in quarters aboard ships.

The Chinese Air Force had pulled out almost completely. The commercial airlines, CAT and CNAC, do not know how long they will continue to operate since Communist shell fire from the hills ringing the field to the East has been increasing.

Most sources believe the Communists are not planning any immediate assault on Tsingtao and probably will not as long as the American Marines and warships remain in any strength. These sources hold the opinion that the Communist activities around Tsingtao are not a subtle hint to Admiral Badger to speed up any plans he might have for evacuating the port.

There appeared to be at least four Nationalist armies of some 50,000 men in all stationed around Tsingtao, but there are few visible signs of this force inside the city. Road blocks, barbed wire barricades and military patrols keep all but official traffic inside the city. There are no visible signs of any plans to stage a last-ditch defence inside Tsingtao, but the populace is expecting it.

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bombarding Icheng, two miles North of the Yangtze and 30 miles East of Nanking as Communist forces were attacking the town.

Telephone reports from Chinkiang, Nationalist stronghold on the South bank of the river a few miles to the South East, said that Communists now controlled three-fourths of Icheng. The East, North and West gates are in Communist hands.

About 30 miles further East, on the North bank of the Yangtze, the Nationalist forces retreating from Communist-held Tsingkiang, were reported to have blown up nearby river harbours.

River traffic has been prohibited. The Kiangsu provincial government had evacuated Chinkiang, key town on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway on the South bank of the Yangtze. Provincial Garrison Headquarters had also left the city.

According to the Nanking Kiangsu Evening Post Communist forces about 30 miles North of Chinkiang, in the Kaoyu Lake district of the Grand Canal, are feverishly building 500 river craft, which are expected to be used for a crossing of the Yangtze. The craft could be brought down the Grand Canal to the Yangtze opposite Chinkiang.

The report said that the Communist forces had conscripted boat builders and requisitioned timber supplies in the Kaoyu area.

Nationalist forces were reported today to be still controlling Kwangchow and Shihweiwei on the North bank of the Yangtze, West of the mouth of the Grand Canal.

Headed by Dr. W.W. Yen, former Ambassador to the United States, Shanghai's five-man peace mission appointed by President Li Tsung-jen yesterday will leave by plane for Peiping on February 6 in an effort to initiate talks with the Communist authorities for a nationwide peace settlement, according to Chinese reports in Shanghai today.

No Peace Powers

The delegation, however, is said to possess no powers to conclude any arrangements or agreement without first obtaining the approval of President Li.

The main job of the mission is to sound out the Communists and report back to President Li. Another report, however, said that the delegation would probably raise the question of separate peace for Shanghai. It saw too many obstacles in the way of an overall settlement.

If the mission should prove successful in completing preliminary negotiations it would withdraw in favour of the official Nationalist peace delegation headed by Dr. Shao Li-lee and General Chang Chih-chung, it was said.

The appointment of the new mission has not revived hopes in Shanghai of early peace, judging by the continued slump of the gold yuan.

The U.S. dollar was quoted at around 180 gold yuan today, compared with 700 yesterday, while gold bars fluctuated between 42,000 and 43,000 gold yuan an ounce.

The leading price climb among vital commodities was rice which soared to the all-time high of 2,300 gold yuan a picul of 170 lbs. in the last 24 hours, United Press and Reuters.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Jack Buchanan
Back With Bride



Jack Buchanan, the British actor and manager, and his wife, Susan Bassett, 30-year-old American actress, walk the deck of the Cunard liner "Caronia" at Southampton, England. They are just back from America where they were married in Connecticut on January 14. Susan has a seven-year-old daughter by a previous marriage.—AP Photo.

Truman Accords Full Recognition To Israel, Transjordan

Washington, February 1.

President Truman yesterday gave full recognition to the Governments of Israel and Transjordan.

The White House made separate announcements of de jure recognition for each Government. This means that there will be an exchange of Ambassadors with the two countries.

James McDonald, special representative to Israel with the rank of Ambassador, may be the first Ambassador to that country.

De jure recognition means the Government is recognised as the lawful one for that country. The Israeli Government until now has had only de facto recognition, meaning recognition that it is in fact a functioning government.

Full recognition of Israel followed election of a Parliamentary Government there on January 25.

The fact that President Truman coupled the action on Israel with recognition of Transjordan may have been aimed at easing any Arab displeasure. Because of the Near East's strategic oil reserves, the United States sometimes in the past has felt impelled to steer a middle course in disputes between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

The Jews and Arabs are trying, under the auspices of the United Nations, to reach an agreement which will end permanently bloodshed and fighting in the Near East.

Full recognition by the United States is also expected to improve Israel's chances for admission to the United Nations. Britain's action removed the greatest stumbling block.

London Colaboration

Meanwhile, thousands of Jews cheered and clapped in London's West End today as a 17-year-old Ruth Liebster, a telephone switchboard girl, hoisted the blue and white flag of Israel above the Israeli Government offices.

The raising of the flag proclaimed the Israel Government's recognition by Britain.

Long before the ceremony was due to take place Jews from all over London flocked to Manchester Square, which lies just behind Oxford Street, one of the West End's main shopping centres.

It was a seething, excited crowd. Some groups danced. Others prayed.

The cheering was led by a young man with long fair hair. Waving a newspaper, he led the crowd in cries of "Long Live the State of Israel—Long Live the Prime Minister of Israel."

The ceremony itself was simple but impressive. A hush fell on the crowd when the Befeitrah, the Jewish symbol of law, was brought on to the balcony.—Associated Press, United Press

SURVIVORS OF SHIP COLLISION DUE IN HK

(Photo on Page 3)

Twenty-three survivors of the ill-fated Portuguese freighter Masbate, which sank five minutes after colliding with the ss. Hsiang Hsing on Monday morning off Foochow, are due to arrive here tomorrow.

No mention of the master, Mr. C. V. Gomez, who replaced Mr. I. de Lemos one day before the Masbate sailed for North Korea last week-end, was made in the cables received by the local agents yesterday from the Chinese steamer, which brought the survivors to Swatow.

The Masbate was reported to be a total loss. Insurance covering the vessel, cargo and equipment is said to amount to about HK\$400,000. The 200 tons of general cargo were said to be also totally destroyed.

Govt's Plans For Partial Nationalisation

London, February 1.

The Labour Party research department has drawn up a short list of six industries earmarked for partial nationalisation during the next five years, reliable sources said today.

Water supply, shipbuilding, chemical industry and insurance are among those to be included in the list, which is the result of six months' study of British industry.

Informed political circles predicted the new nationalisation programme, which will be submitted to the British people at the 1950 general elections, will be less comprehensive than the one of the last election.

It is understood the Labour Party may combine nationalisation with new ideas. One such new idea would be so-called pilot plants. Instead of nationalising the whole industry, the future Labour government might nationalise only certain factories which would lead the way towards technical progress in a given branch of industry.

In other cases the state might take over the capital of certain plants and lease them to private operators.—United Press.

Nearly 1,000 Feared Lost In Collision

Shanghai, February 1.

Nearly 1,000 persons are believed to have perished in the collision between the Chinese steamer Tsinghai and Kien-yuen last Thursday night near Chusan archipelago.

This figure was partly substantiated today by the fact that more than 700 people, claiming to be near relatives of missing passengers have so far registered with the United Corporation of China, owners of the Tsinghai.

The official passenger list of Tsinghai was given as 500, but at least another 300 are said to have boarded the steamer without tickets.

Of those, so far only 30 odd are known definitely to have been rescued by the Australian destroyer Warramunga.

The offices of the United Corporation were badly wrecked by irate relatives of missing passengers today when they failed to obtain satisfactory replies to their demands for the latest information regarding the list of victims.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a weak anti-cyclone covers N. China, Manchuria and the Sea of Japan, and a shallow depression is moving slowly Eastward to the S. of Shikoku. Pressure gradients are slight over S. China, the China Sea and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Light SE or variable winds. Mainly cloudy, with morning mist or fog. Warm.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 71.8 deg. F. Minimum 61.4 deg. F. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm (0.08 inch) as against an average of 28.4 mm (1.12 inch).

Baro. at sea level: 1012.5 mm (30.19 inches). Equiv. 30.04 mm (1.18 inches).

Rel. Humidity: 75% at 6 a.m., 85% at 3 p.m. Dew Point: 64 deg. F. Wind Direction: SE at 10 m.p.h. Wind Force: 3 gale. Clouds: 100% at 1200, 60% at 1800, 100% at 2400.

Plans To Unseat Tito?

Berlin, February 1.

The American military Government's German newspaper here claimed today that the Russians were plotting a Putsch to unseat Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito before March 15.

The newspaper, Neue Zeitung, said its information came from Balkan experts in Berlin.

It said orders for the Putsch had been delivered by Moscow to those Yugoslav Communists who are faithful to the Kremlin line.

The Soviet Government also counts on the support of opportunists among Yugoslavia's Army officers, the paper added.

"The Putsch plans are being advanced because the Kremlin fears that Tito's position will become impregnable with the aid of the West," Associated Press.

U.S. Plane Flies At 1,700 m.p.h.

Cleveland, February 1.

An aviation plant executive indirectly confirmed that the XT-1, first airplane to exceed the speed of sound in level flight, has attained speeds of 1,700 miles an hour. It has climbed to an altitude of 80,000 feet.

The disclosure was made by Mr. Lawrence D. Bell, industrialist and aviation pioneer whose firm engineered the rocket-powered craft.

Mr. Bell said the plane was designed to attain that speed and height and has been eminently successful in all its tests. U.S. Air Force security regulations prohibit disclosing exact achievements.

He said his corporation is building another plane 60 to 70 per cent faster than the XT-1. That would make it capable of flying 2,400 miles an hour, or more than three times the speed of sound.

Mr. Bell said the only trouble is that the XT-1 runs out of fuel while still accelerating. Its rocket motor develops 25,000 horsepower at full speed, compared to a maximum of 4,000 in the most advanced standard plane engines.—Associated Press.

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Accused Claims Legal Right At Extortion Trial

That he had the legal right of claim to the \$50, which he is alleged to have demanded from the relatives of a prisoner at the Victoria Remand Prison through threats of assault, was stated by Timothy Din, one of four accused, during a statement from the dock at the extortion trial yesterday.

The other three accused are Gussy Maria dos Santos and Sapto Ahmed, prison warders together with the first accused, and Jose Maria Dias Azedo, a former warder of the same prison. They are charged with 11 counts of demanding money with menaces, corruption in office and conspiracy.

Five Born Every Hour

An hourly average of five births was registered in Hong Kong during 1948, according to official figures.

Total births registered in the period under review was 46,465, including 563 non-Chinese.

Births outnumbered deaths by almost four to one during the year. Total deaths registered was 13,433, including 157 non-Chinese.

Full Court Increases Sentences

A Full Court yesterday increased by two years the sentences of eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane passed on three prisoners by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) at the December Criminal Sessions.

The sentence of eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane passed on a fourth prisoner was confirmed by the Full Court.

The Full Court which heard the appeals comprised Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge).

Mr. M. Heenan represented the Crown on the appeal.

The accused who were found guilty by a jury on charges of possession of arms and ammunition and robbery, and whose sentences were increased from eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane to 10 years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane, were Chan Tsi-ting alias Ko Lo-kwai, Leung Siu-wah alias Yin Chai and Hung Yung alias Hung Fai.

Chan Tsi-ting alias Ko Lo-kwai was also found guilty on a charge of receiving stolen property.

The sentence of eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane passed on Yau Lot alias Yau Kut-loi after he had been found guilty by a jury on charges of possession of arms and ammunition and robbery, was confirmed and not increased.

For returning to the colony after having been banished for life in June last year, Leung Siu-hung, aged 26, was sentenced to nine months and to be re-banished by Mr. Kim-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Defendant was arrested by the police on January 20.

It is alleged that the four obtained various sums of money from Tang, who was husband of Ho, who was arrested for receiving stolen goods. They told her that they were in a position to prevent him from being assaulted.

At yesterday's hearing, Inspector Roberts, who is assisting Crown Counsel Mr. M. Heenan for the prosecution, read out the statements made by all the accused at the time of their arrest.

Timothy Din, who is alleged to have been born in Malaya and that during the Japanese occupation he served as a volunteer in Shanghai. After the liberation he came to Hong Kong and went into employment with the Secretary Department of the Victoria Remand Prison as a warder.

As for Ho, who was arrested on charges of receiving stolen goods, he was found guilty by a jury on charges of possession of arms and ammunition and robbery, and whose sentences were increased from eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane to 10 years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane.

Din went on to say he suggested to go to Mr. de Silva, the solicitor. This he did, and the solicitor worked on the dealings for about two weeks, he said. He then asked him for a loan, telling him that he would pay back later.

Accused, continuing, told the court that since he trusted Ho he lent him a certain amount. Later, however, he and Azedo were approached one day by Ho and another Chinese who demanded the documents back. Ho told him and Azedo that he had found some other person to help him out with the dealings.

After some argument, Din said, the papers were handed back to Ho, who promised to return the whole amount he had borrowed.

In addition, he gave the accused a certain sum as his residence, which, according to the accused, proved to be a false one.

Din said he then realised that Ho had been playing a trick on them. The next time he saw Ho was when the Ho was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property.

At this point, Din told the court that, up to that present moment, he still could not for a moment figure how he had committed an offence. Had he been a bully, Din said, he could have very well gone to Ho's address without any letter at all and demanded the money, just mentioning that he was a prison warder.

Continuing, accused said that when he met Ho in the jail, he reminded Ho of his debt. Ho, he said, then wrote a short letter which he gave to him, and told him to take it to 181 Chung-shan Road. This he did, Din said, and was given \$54 by Ho's brother.

After further evidence, was given by Din on his own defence, hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

What's A Game Among Friends?

It was Chinese New Year time and they were just having a game of cards, among friends, said Lam Chai, one of the accused, who was charged with keeping a common gaming house, before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

At about 1 p.m. on Monday night, said Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, a party of police under Detective Sub-Inspector Chuk Lok-ka paid a surprise visit to 27, Tseung Kowloon Road.

The party was in quest of a gaming house, but instead found a game of cards in progress.

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Registration In Malaya



As part of their anti-terrorist campaign, the authorities in the Federation of Malaya have introduced National Registration for everyone above the age of 12, except the Malay, Chinese, and the High Commissioner. This measure has been enthusiastically received, everywhere except among the bandits, who have abducted a number of photographers in isolated areas. This National Registration takes the form of a card to which is attached a photograph of the holder, together with his right thumb print and his personal details. The registration of some five million people of the Federation is expected at Ampangan Malaya School, where a Chinese subject is being registered.

Fog Slows Down Sea, Air Traffic

A heavy mist remained over the Colony yesterday, slowing down traffic at sea and in the air.

Some ships entering the harbour reported being delayed from two to four hours because of thick fog outside Kowloon Bay.

It was officially stated that air departures from Hong Kong were delayed for about an hour and a half, after which operations resumed normally, because of a heavy mist shrouding Kai Tak airfield.

The river steamer Wing Fook made her debut here yesterday for repairs and loading of bunker oil.

A motor junk type craft, the Chinese vessel arrived here in ballast and had to wait along the fringe of local waters for two hours before she could make her way in.

The vessel was an all-Chinese complement of 34 and is on the Canton-Teikong run.

Delayed by fog outside the harbour, the Chinese river steamer Hung Chang, reached her berth four hours after her arrival in local waters. The 1,800-ton vessel brought about 75 tons of general cargo.

HAMMOND ORGAN RECITAL

A Hammond Organ recital will be given at the Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road, at a Thanksgiving Service today at 8 p.m.

Renovation of the Hop Yat Church in progress, in December, funds collected made it possible to purchase a Hammond Organ to replace the old one which has been in use for more than 20 years.

The recital tonight will be given by Mr. Donald Fraser.

Reminders

Today

HK Football Referees Association Extraordinary Meeting, HKFA office, Prince's Bldg., 1.30 p.m.

Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Red Cross Club meeting, 80, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Council of Social Services, Lecture on "Children Deprived of Home" by Mrs. F. K. Langford, Public Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Chinese Lecture, Room, 5.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Paper on "High-Frequency Heating" to be read by Mr. A. J. C. Duffell, sponsored by the Engineering Society of Hong Kong, at the Yubeeen Room, HK Hotel, 8.45 p.m.

Coming Events

St. John's Club talk on "The Life of Jesus" by Mr. R. S. Fung, Rock Garden HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK University Arts Association presents "The School for Scandal" at St. John's, 8.30 p.m.

Guangdong Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

RAV Association luncheon, 12.45 p.m.

Charged With Larceny Of Motor Junk

Larceny of a motor junk at Cheung Chau Island was the charge made against Kong Kwok-choi, aged 40, before Mr. A. D. Schöles at Kowloon yesterday.

Complainant was Tang Fat, the managing partner of the Sze Hong Shipping Company of which defendant had part share.

Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn appeared for the defence and DSI Askew conducted the case for the prosecution.

A motor junk was bought by complainant's firm, which had two other partners. Defendant was the man who mediated in the sale of the junk to complainant, the prosecution said.

A sum of \$2,000 had been paid down as deposit for the junk which cost \$5,000. All this was done in Chinese territory.

It turned out that the junk needed repairs and was taken to Cheung Chau Island, Kong, the defendant went along with the junk, the prosecution continued.

Repairs cost an amount which complainant's firm could not afford, so he, with his two partners, came to Hong Kong to value the required money. Eventually defendant was made a fourth partner, the prosecution stated.

It was alleged by the prosecution that while the first three partners were in Hong Kong, defendant sailed the junk away. This was discovered when two of the partners returned to Cheung Chau to find the junk gone and no trace of the defendant.

Arrest Made

Soon, however, Kong was seen at Yumati. The police were notified and the arrest made.

After giving evidence, Tang Fat, complainant, was cross-examined by counsel.

Mr. Ng Quinn sought to prove that complainant had no ownership of the junk and therefore no right of action, and that defendant had no cause to answer.

In the cross-examination, Tang Fat testified that he had no transfer of any documents proving sale of the junk except a receipt for the \$2,000 paid as deposit.

Counsel further stated that defendant, besides being part owner of the junk, claimed he had paid \$500 of the deposit money and later a further \$1,000. He said that he was sitting on behalf of the sellers who had made repeated requests for the full amount of the money to be paid up.

Counsel added that he had a letter to show that defendant had been asked to take the junk back to Canton when the amount of the sale had not been settled.

The coxswain of the junk, giving evidence, said that the junk sailed from Cheung Chau on orders of defendant and went to different parts of Chinese territory. During the voyage, the life buoys marked with the name of the junk had been painted over with white paint.

Counsel said that he had not heard of this coxswain and would not cross-examine until after seeing defendant for instructions. The case is adjourned to 2.30 this afternoon.

COURT UPHOLDS DEFENCE

The submission of Mr. Marcus de Silva before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday that the defence had no case to answer was upheld by the Court, in the case in which Tang Fat was charged with obstructing a police officer.

It was stated by the prosecution that when Detective 880 Law Chuan went to 32, Apin Street, second floor, on January 31, to make enquiries about an alleged threat reported by a woman, defendant, refused to answer his questions and said, "If I like, I shall tell you. I do not like to, I shall not tell you."

Mr. de Silva, defence counsel, said that a person is not obliged to answer questions by the police and hence there was no case against defendant.

The case was dismissed.

BAIL ESTREATED

A 20-year-old student had his bail of \$250 estreated by Mr. Kim-shing Lo at Central yesterday when he was absent from Court.

Defendant was charged with driving a car without a licence at King's Road near Boat Street on January 31.

Another student, Lai Yuk-toi, aged 19, who was absent, also had his bail of \$250 estreated. Defendant was charged with allowing his car to be driven by a driver without a licence on January 31.

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BANK OF CHINA PLANS FIVE-STOREY BUILDING

A five-storey building, instead of the originally planned 17-storey structure, will be constructed by the Bank of China on its HK\$3,745,000 piece of land next to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The foundations of the building will, however, be built for a 17-storey block. If necessary, the additional 12 floors will be added later.

Trade Unions In Colony

By the end of 1948, Hong Kong had 114 registered trade unions with a total membership of 73,267, according to the Department of Statistics.

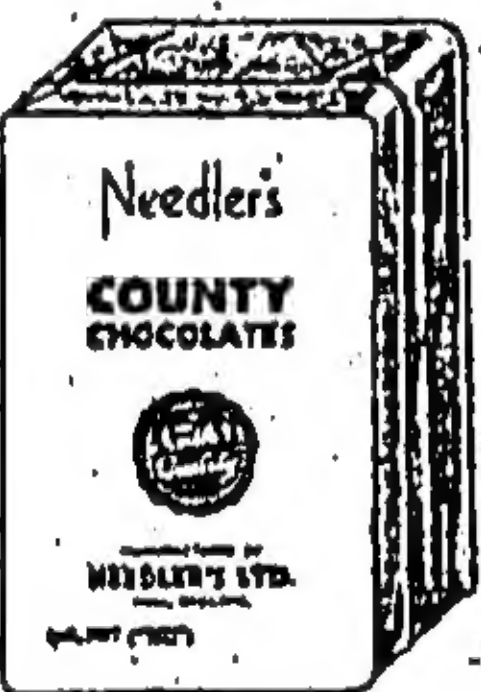
Two of the unions have a membership of more than 6,000 each. The combined membership of the two is 13,331.

Among the unions there are 24 with a membership of between 500 and 999 each; 19 with a membership of less than 100 each; 17 with a membership of between 100 and 199; 13 with between 200 and 299; 12 with between 300 and 399; 10 with between 400 and 499; and 10 with a membership of between 500 and 599 each.



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Prof. Simon Gives Talk At Rotary

The learning of foreign languages has made marked progress during the last 50 years, said Professor W. Simon at the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

Professor Simon, is Professor of the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, and speaks many of the European and Oriental languages with the fluency of his mother tongue. He is making his second visit to China in 16 years.

He informed his audience that a knowledge of foreign languages was one of the main links among peoples of different nations and a means of promoting better understanding and goodwill.

The speaker explained the intricacies involved in the teaching of foreign languages to students, and the methods that have been found to get the quickest and best results.

Rotarian Roy Pearson, on behalf of the Club, proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the speaker.

Visiting Rotarians welcomed by President D.S. Hill were Mr. Howard Voss from Chengtu, Dr. C.T. Wang and Messrs. A. Goksan, J. Muckle and Horace Kadoorie from Shanghai; Mr. Victor K. Bashi from Bangkok, Dr. Joseph Ya from Canton, and Mr. W.J. Geall from Kowloon.

Bishop N.V. Halward was among the many guests at the Club luncheon yesterday, and was given a warm welcome by Rotarians.

Other guests present included Messrs. K. Smith Mitchell, H.J. Crutwell, J.A. Jameson, Archie Hutton, Andrew Ing and D. Cohen.

Tonnage Of Arriving Ships

Total tonnage of ocean and river ships (more than 60 tons net) which arrived here during 1948 was 9,388,993 tons, according to official statistics.

Total tonnage which cleared from Hong Kong harbour was 9,208,774 tons. The number of vessels which arrived and left Hong Kong in the period under review was 8,462 and 8,409, respectively.

During the year, 3,223 British vessels (4,116,596 tons) arrived and 3,230 ships (4,085,930 tons) left Hong Kong.

Chinese vessels which arrived here totalled 2,019 (1,015,046 tons), and 2,014 (1,000,009 tons), left Hong Kong.

Arrivals and departures of American ships during the same period were 320 vessels (1,018,749 tons), and 314 (1,000,871 tons), respectively.

OPIUM DIVAN ON STILTS

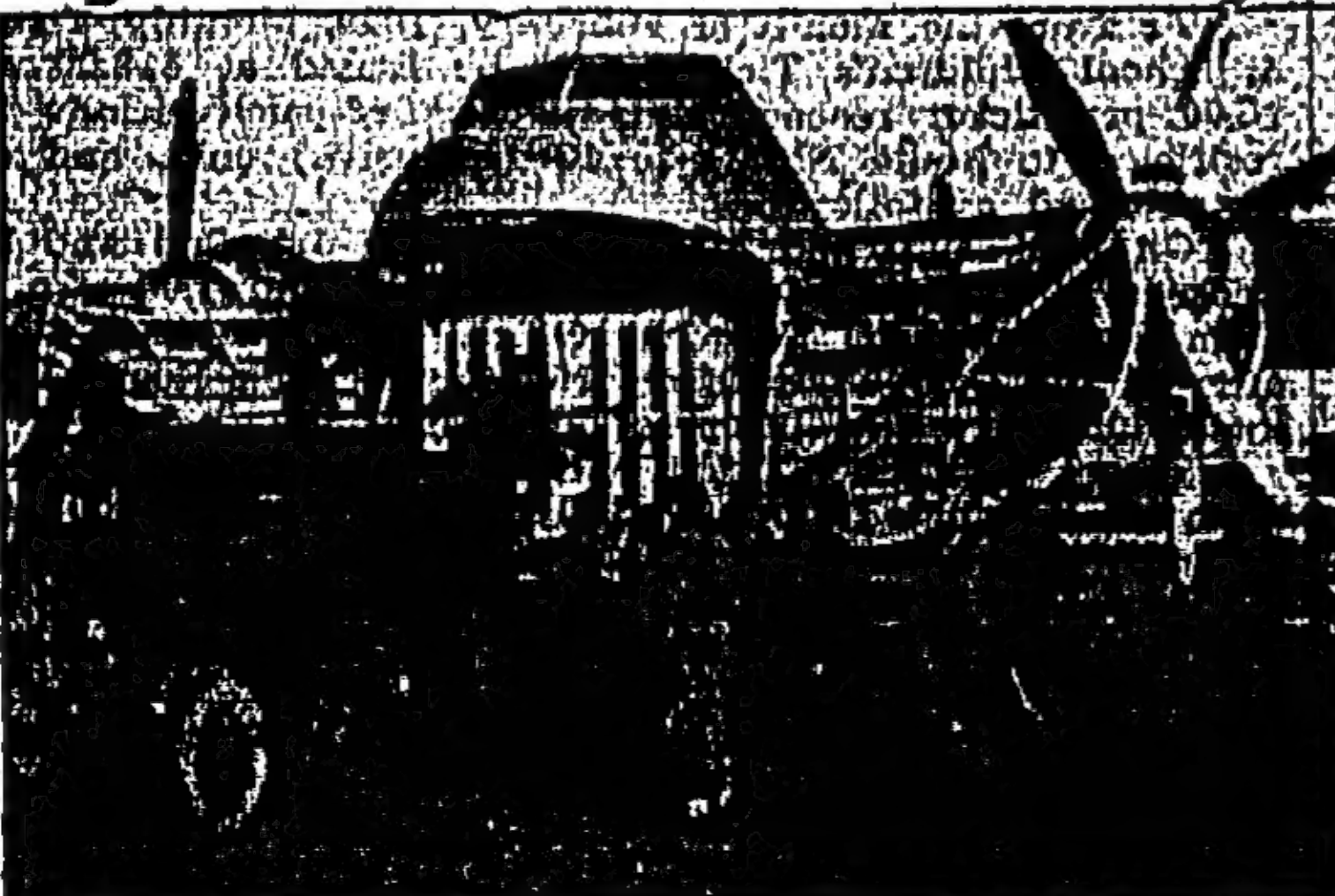
Out on the waters off Talkok-tai praya, in a large hut built on stilts, an opium divan was in operation when Inspector H.J. Baldwin and his party carried out a raid on Monday morning.

As the police approached, the smokers fled. All but three leaped into the sea and escaped.

This was a large divan, said Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans, and could be seen from the number of pipes and lamps seized. There were altogether 14 pipes, four pipe-heads and 24 lamps, as well as 61 pots and a cup half full of opium.

The three smokers, Chiu Fai, Ip Chai and Ip Shok, were fined \$200 or eight weeks when charged before Mr. M.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

British Plane Helps Airlift



With the improvement of the weather throughout Germany, the Airlift to Berlin has been able to increase its capacity, and in bringing 6,312 tons of food and coal into the city it was only 600 tons short of the normal daily food load. At Garmisch, a British "Stratocruiser" plane is unloading bulk machinery brought into the city to assist in the industrial recovery of Berlin.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed by letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Very Fortunate

Sir, Referring to the news published in this morning's "China Mail", concerning the collision of the Portuguese freighter "Masbate", wherein you mentioned my name as Master of the ill-fated ship, I shall be much obliged if you will correct the name of the Master in tomorrow's edition, in order not to cause some anxiety among many of my friends, as I was very fortunate in not having been involved in this accident. The captain's name is Mr. Carlos Gomes.

For your information I commanded the above ship on her Southern trip, i.e. Hong Kong/Haiphong/Hong Kong. On my return from Haiphong, as the owners suddenly decided to change her run from Hong Kong to Cebu, I tendered my resignation in accordance with the terms of contract, because due to my state of health I am unable to withstand the freezing cold of the North China winter. My reason is that I was suffering from pneumonia a few years ago, and therefore I don't want to have a recurring attack of this serious disease.

I. LEMOS.

Hotel Rates Extended

The "China Mail" report last Saturday that Government has decided to suspend for a further month the order controlling hotel rates was officially confirmed yesterday. A copy of a circular letter, distributed to the hotels and boarding houses in the Colony informing them of the suspension, was released by the Public Relations Office yesterday. It was dated January 27.

An additional official statement yesterday said that draft regulations governing hotel rates, to be embodied in a Hotel Ordinance, were considered at an Executive Council meeting yesterday.

A number of amendments were accepted which make it necessary to redraft the ordinance. The ordinance is expected to come into force on March 1, added the statement.

FILM BALLOT

The result of the Film Ballot organised by the Hong Kong "Film News" placed Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant at the head of the popularity poll and voted "Bathing Beauty" the outstanding film of the year. Full details of the ballot will be found in "Film News".

Two P. & O. Captains Die In UK

Two well-known retired Peninsula and Oriental commanders have just died within a week of each other. It was announced yesterday.

Captain J.B. Browning, former commander of the P and O fleet ship "Albatross" at the age of 71 and Captain H.R. Rhodes in his 70th year at Elwell, Surrey, on January 3.

Captain Browning retired from the P and O in 1937 after 38 years' service. He joined the Company as long ago as 1899, as fifth officer of the "Valletta". He became second officer of the "Valletta" in 1906 and chief officer of the "Salsette" in 1912.

During the 1914-18 war he was in the Navy Reserve, returning in May, 1919, to the P and O as chief officer of the former German liner, "Konig Friedrich".

In December of that year he went to the new ship "Nalderia" as chief officer and in 1924 commanded her for a voyage. His temporary promotion was confirmed on his appointment as master of the "Nyogya" and later he commanded such well-known ships as the "Morea", "Kaisari", "Hansa", "China" and "Rhizmak". He went to the "Malaja" in 1928, and remained in her until his retirement in April, 1937, flying his commodore's pennant during his last year of service. During those nine years he became a familiar and well-liked figure in Australia, where he is remembered by many.

Captain Rhodes joined the fleet in 1909 as fifth officer of the "Valletta" and served in many ships throughout his career. His first command was the "Barrabool" in 1923 on the Australia run, and he later went to the "Mangolia", transferring to the "Cathay" in 1937, and to the "Mooltan" in 1939 as master.

Makes Living Off Prostitutes

Two prostitutes testified in the witness box that part of their earnings went to a man whose premises they occupied.

The man charged with earnings this money was Liu Shun aged 35, who appeared before Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday. He was charged with receiving stolen goods.

Liu was convicted of the offences of keeping a lodging house for prostitutes and earning money off them.

The first prostitute said that she did not pay any rental for occupying a part of Liu's building but that she had to pay \$150 out of each \$25 she earned.

The second woman gave \$5 out of each \$10 she received from her clients. She added that food was provided by defendant.

Finding Liu guilty of both charges, the magistrate sentenced him to nine months' imprisonment.

TICKET SCALPERS FINED \$250

Two cases of ticket scalping of Kowloon-Canton Railway tickets were heard by Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

The men pleading guilty of the offence were Lo Chuen and Lam Chung, charged separately. Each received a fine of \$250 or two months' imprisonment.

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Airmail for Swatow and Amoy (Reg.) 8.00 a.m., (GPO) 9.00 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9.00 a.m. (GPO) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Manila (Reg.) 11.00 a.m. (GPO) 12.00 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong, Ningbo, Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail for Amoy and Swatow (Reg.) 2.40 p.m. (GPO) 3.40 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow: Airmail for Peking (Reg.) 3.40 p.m., (GPO) 4.40 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 4.40 p.m. (GPO) 5.40 p.m.

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Judgment Reserved On Appeal

At the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), reserved judgment on an appeal by Leung Ng-hin, copper-smith, against severity of a sentence passed on him by Mr. Blair-Kerr at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Leung, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of inflicting a wound on a taxi driver, was sentenced by Mr. Blair-Kerr on December 14, to three months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500 by a further three months.

Leung, with others, in custody, was charged with circulating Wong Hsien-nan, a taxi driver of the Peninsula-Taxi Company, by saying: "Pull him out of the taxi and strike him" and also "I represent over 100,000 coppers and if you come to 10,000 I will kill you on behalf of them", with intent to harm Wong.

The Crown was represented by Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, while Leung was represented by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

In the course of his submission Mr. Silva said that an officer of the Court ought not to give informal information to the Court in aggravation of defendant's offence and quoted the case of The King v. Hebbick.

Mr. Silva said that this point was one of extreme importance, because the giving of informal information was going on daily in the Police Courts in this Colony.

In asking the Court to temper justice with mercy, Mr. Silva said that Leung had already served a month and a half of the sentence imposed, he asked that the accused be released on payment of the fine of \$500.

Mr. Heenan said that appellant was charged with an offence under Section 2 of the Intimidation Ordinance. The offence stated was a fine not exceeding \$500 and imprisonment not to exceed six months; further, upon conviction on the indictment, accused might be liable to five years. Mr. Heenan asked that the appeal be dismissed.

Mr. Justice Wicks reserved judgment until 9.30 a.m. on Saturday.

GAMBLERS ARRESTED

Twenty men were taken into custody when Inspector Dan-browsky and Inspector Timms led a party of police to 525 Shanghai Street, third floor and there found a game of "pai kau" in full swing.

Loi Ming, the keeper of the gambling house, pleaded guilty when charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. He was fined \$350 or three months.

Three gamblers who failed to come before the Court had their bail of \$25 each exonerated. The other 16 gamblers were fined \$15 each.

The "China Mail" learned last night that a total of \$500 was donated to the Tung Wah Hospital by the winners of recent Derby. The lucky ticket holders were eight couples of the Public Works Department.

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A suitable announcement will be inserted free of charge if Advertiser's requirements are satisfactorily answered.

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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th, of February to Saturday the 5th, of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of Arthur Tradescant Lay of Teviot Ottways Lane Ashted Surrey and of Teviot 514 The Peak Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 23rd day of February, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 28th day of January, 1949.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
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for the Administratrix of the estate of the abovesaid deceased,

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NOTICE

SHANGHAI DOCKYARD LIMITED.

The Transfer Books of both the Main and Branch Registers of Shanghai Dockyards Limited will be closed from February 19 to March 11, 1949, both days inclusive.

The annual general meeting will be held in Hong Kong on March 11, 1949.

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NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Pong Wing Tong and Mr. Lee Wah Chue have joined us as Directors and Chinese Advisory Managers.

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REMINDER

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11, 1949.

NOTICE

We have moved our office from 201, Victoria House to Room 112, Marina House on the 1st. February, 1949.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 12th February, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 3rd February, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

U. S. R. C.

The monthly dance will be held on Saturday, 19th February. Tickets \$5.00. Now on sale.

NOTICE

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SESSION 1948/49

A paper on

"High Frequency Heating"

will be given by

Mr. A. J. C. Threlfall
A.M.I.E.E.

on Wednesday, 2nd February at 5.45 p.m. in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

Tea will be served from 5 p.m.

NOTICE

RECRUITING L.E.P.

All vacancies on the 4th. Course for Locally Enlisted Personnel at Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit, Lyemun have now been filled. The Recruiting Office in Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon will therefore be closed until recruiting begins for the 5th. Course in March, 1949.

A further announcement will be made in this paper when recruiting recommences.

J. F. SOPER, Major,
Officer-in-Charge Recruiting,
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NOTICE

Mr. Jose Eduardo Noronha has this day been authorized to sign for procurator for this Company.

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- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshuipo.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 4. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Austin Road.
- Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES.

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
- Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Peace Avenue.
- Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

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- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
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- Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
- Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

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- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.
Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road (Shumshuipo), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
- Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.
Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

SCALE OF CHARGES

10 cents will be charged for the first Sectional Stage or part thereof, and 10 cents for the subsequent Sectional Stages or part thereof (i.e., 20 cents Through Fare).

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As from the Month of February, 1949, Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets will be issued at \$18.00 and \$8.00 per ticket respectively; the use of such tickets are restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (inclusive) only, and can be obtained as follows:—

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The 3-No Trumps got made where it was bid, with nine successive tricks after the club 5 lead. But the 4-Heart bidder beat them by 20 points when they made their contracts. After drawing trumps, these declarers tried leading toward the diamond Q, then for the discard, at a spade on the thirteenth, they had still another chance if it had failed, the spade finesse.

Of course an opener of 2-No Trumps followed by a 3-Heart response would have brought the same winning contract of 4-Hearts, but that is another story.

Tomorrow's Problem

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D Q 4 2
C A 1

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BRITISH BLUEPRINT FOR A MODERN NAVY

London, January 31.

A new Royal Navy with all latest developments in radio-guided missiles and jet propulsion is being created by scientists and engineers moving towards use of atomic power. Reciprocal Commonwealth defence plans, already well under way, have allocated a total of £30,000,000 for research and development, according to official estimates.

Naval strategists foresee radical innovations in design made essential by potentialities of atomic bombs and ships navigated and fought entirely by electronic devices.

The ships of things to come, as seen by naval designers and architects, includes streamlined superstructures, small units of nuclear energy to replace cumbersome fuel tanks, and submarines with submerged speed equalling that of any surface ship.

Scientists are experimenting with a new fuel evolved from highly concentrated hydrogen peroxide. The basis is free oxygen and the fuel will be used exclusively for submarines.

If successful, Britain's submarines will be capable of speeding twice, possibly three times, as fast as ordinary Diesel engine-propelled underwater craft.

Jet-Propelled Ships
British research engineers have also developed the first reversible gas turbine for ships after three years' experimentation.

The invention is an oil-operated coupling, linked with a turbine, that will enable a ship's propeller shaft to be reversed without having two separate propulsion units.

Jet-propelled ships with 1,400 tons displacement are being laid down. Their speed and specifications are being kept secret but it is understood they are designed as escort ships which, naval designers say, will be a vital force in any future war operations.

Britain is also well advanced in naval air strategy with jet propelled aircraft, and jet plane landings at "ocean air bases" are now routine practice.

These revolutionary designs are necessitating complete reorganisation in training and recruitment of naval personnel.

Guiding Influence
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Monroe Doctrine For Asia

New York, January 31.

India is working towards an Asian Monroe Doctrine, according to Professor Eddy Asirvatham, head of the department of political science and public administration at the University of Madras.

He said today that the Gandhi era of nationalism in India has given way to a Nehru era of internationalism, adding: "The whole of Southern Asia is turning to India and more especially to Pandit Nehru for moral leadership, lofty courage and constructive statesmanship."

Speaking on the first anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, Professor Asirvatham said: "Asia may be old in history but youthful in spirit."

"She is pulsating with a new life and no power on earth can prevent her from realizing her manifest destiny."

She is resolved to terminate imperialistic exploitation as well as exploitation from within. She is working in the direction of an Asian Monroe Doctrine and regional grouping within the framework of the United Nations for economic improvement and political stability.—United Press.

NO PURGE IN BRITAIN

London, January 31.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons that he set up an independent Royal Commission on the lines of the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States Congress.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, had wanted a Commission to report on the extent and nature of Communist organisations and their subversive activities in Britain.—Reuter.

U.S. Officer Assesses The Red Soldier

Washington, January 31.

An American Army intelligence officer said the Chinese Communist soldier is trained for fast moving attacks while the Nationalist government soldier has a defensive "pillbox complex."

The assessment of the fighting qualities and methods of the Communist soldier in China was given by Major Robert B. Rigg, of the Army Intelligence Division, now on duty with that division here. He was captured by Communist troops near Changchun in 1947 and, with another American officer, held for more than a month.

Writing for the unofficial service publication, the Infantry Journal, Rigg sets forth these views about the Chinese Communist army:

The general class, origin, physical appearance and intelligence of the Red soldier are about the same as the Nationalist soldier. He is usually illiterate, though better indoctrinated politically. He is no as well trained as the Nationalist soldier with one important exception—he can make long, fast marches, and that is a key factor in Chinese Communist party success.

The Red soldier is not a volunteer. Red propaganda to the contrary. He is started by one of two methods. The first is simply the rounding up from villages and counties of sons of military age, which is often done by force. Few escape, and the penalty for desertion is so severe that only a few attempt it.

A more successful conscription results from the party's land division programme, and here the recruit does see something to his immediate benefit. When the CCP take over a new area, the well-to-do are purged one way or another, and their land may be divided among the peasants, or at least the landlords are made to

stop their gorging, and these things favourably impress them (recruits) with the Communists.

Family Debt

These systems place the family in debt to the party, and the family is told it must furnish one or several sons to the army in order to defend its land.

The land division programme has done much to polarize the Communists and all the ranks of the Chinese Red army.

Communist soldiers are not paid, but receive ample food and good ration of tobacco. From time to time small luxuries are distributed. The Nationalist soldier is paid in cash but the progressive lens of China's inflation have made this pay practically worthless.

Red army officers are "die-hard Communists." Red generals are good tacticians and strategists, many of them foreign trained and graduates of the Chinese government's military academies.

Some of the older officers are party commissars, and it is their job to keep the army and its personnel in line with party doctrine. The commissars are not permitted to interfere with tactical decisions of company or battalion operations, but they do influence decisions at higher levels.

Considerable time is devoted to the political education of the rank and file, and anti-Americanism is a much emphasised subject.

This propaganda is steadily taking effect not only on the army, but among the civilian population.—Associated Press.

Married On Horseback

East Rochester, New York, January 31.
Francis Rowe and Barbara Smith met at a horse show. So they were married yesterday on horseback.

The bride wore a beige buckskin jacket, a 10-gallon hat and red boots. The groom wore a bright plaid shirt. Both wore dungarees. All the wedding party, including the Justice of the Peace, were on horseback during the ceremony, which was conducted in an open paddock at the Double Diamond ranch here.

Rowe proposed to Miss Smith while out riding one day. Their dream is to own a Western ranch. After the ceremony, they left on their honeymoon—in an automobile.—United Press.

Loophole In Trade Pact

Leeds, January 31.

British wool exporters have protested to the Board of Trade against a loophole in the Anglo-Danish trade agreement by which textiles not manufactured in Britain are being admitted to Denmark under the British quota, according to the Yorkshire Post.

Czechoslovakia is reported to be selling woollen goods to Denmark in this way by exporting textiles invoiced from Britain in sterling at prices with which British exporters find it difficult to compete, the paper said. The Board of Trade is considering the protests "sympathetically," it added.

Britain is not in a strong bargaining position as Denmark can sell her foodstuffs at higher prices than Britain is prepared to pay, the report said. But Britain is Denmark's traditional market and Danish official circles seem to recognise that exports to the United Kingdom are the best long-term policy.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band.

- H.K.T.
- 12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers.
 - 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
 - 1.00 p.m.—Mark Weber and His Orchestra.
 - 1.30 p.m.—Navy Mixture Melodies (BBC's).
 - 1.45 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
 - 2.00 p.m.—"From the Show."
 - 2.30 p.m.—Close Down.
 - 3.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
 - 3.15 p.m.—Children's Story "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll. Episode 21 "Twelvehead and Twelvelegs". (BBC's).
 - 3.45 p.m.—Jazz Orchestra Selections.
 - 4.00 p.m.—Terry Lee at the Piano (Studio).
 - 4.30 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
 - 4.45 p.m.—"Wednesday Night at 7.15." (Studio).
 - 5.00 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.
 - 5.15 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
 - 5.30 p.m.—Interlude.
 - 5.45 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme Presented by Susan Howard (Studio).
 - 6.00 p.m.—A Talk by Jack Luff "Germany and her Place in Europe" "Problems from within" (Studio).
 - 6.30 p.m.—The strange case of Alexander Forden! A Mystery Play by Emerson Court. (BBC's).
 - 7.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
 - 7.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
 - 7.30 p.m.—"Anthology" Presented by Clifford Davis. (Studio).
 - 7.45 p.m.—London Radio Orchestra conducted by Denis Wright. (BBC's).
 - 8.00 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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BIRTH

ZUYLEN.—At St. Theresa's Hospital, on February 1, 1949, to George, wife of J. Van Zuylen, a son, Jacob Cornelis.

RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

Britain's recognition of Israel will be generally welcomed, for while the underlying explanations of the Bevin policy may be understood and appreciated, there could be no further excuse for refusal to accept the new State as a reality. In Palestine, the removal of the British administration produced not the expected chaos, but quickly established law and order. Mr. R. H. Crossman, a somewhat biased observer, perhaps, but not to be accused of gross deception, claims that although fighting is not less than thirty miles away, even in Arab and Druse villages in Western Galilee, occupied only a few weeks ago by Jews, schools are open and the olives are being picked. He claims that with the removal of the "Police State," into which the Mandate had degenerated—in consequence first of Arab terrorism and then of the activities of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang—the new nation of Israel has emerged equipped with military and civil administration; sea, road and rail transport and all the equipment of a Western Socialist State. But here lies the truth of the attacks upon the Bevin policy: May 15, 1948, faced the Jewish people in Palestine with three tasks, each of which, separately, seemed, even to them, too big to tackle. First, to win the war as a nation of 800,000 against six nations with forty million. Second, while winning the war, to create a State out of chaos created by the evacuation of the existing authority. Third, while winning the war and building the State, to bring in and settle 130,000 new immigrants in one year, thus increasing the population by 15 per cent. Israel has done all three.

A Friend Sees Us

There is a long-standing American tradition of damning "British imperialism," and many of those who know the least damn the loudest. The tradition is not extinct. But one finds some welcome breaches with it. An increasing number of Americans are studying the facts of the British Commonwealth; they may still be critical of British policy, but their criticism is informed and sympathetic. The Baltimore "Sun" provides a good instance. Some months ago the "Sun" assigned six experienced members of its staff to make a "world-wide study of the British Commonwealth and Empire as it changes in a changing world." It has now reprinted the first two series of their articles. Mr. Price Day's "Crisis in South Africa" and Mr. Philip Potter's "Retreat to the Desert," an analysis of Britain's strategic and economic position in the Middle East. It is perhaps straining the definition of the Commonwealth to apply it to all Mr. Potter's material, but some of his best articles are on recent developments in East Africa and in the Sudan, and link the rest with his main theme. Mr. Day's booklet on South Africa gives a vivid picture of the two dominant

THE SEVENTY-SECOND INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
In Europe

The Germans had now suffered an unbroken series of major defeats. Beginning with the bloody repulse in the enemy's abortive Ardennes assault, the Allied avalanche had continued to inflict upon him a series of losses and defeats of staggering proportions. There was no room for reason or logic in prolonging the struggle. In both the East and the West strong forces were now operating in the homeland of Germany. The Ruhr, the Saar, and Silesia were all lost to the enemy. His remaining industries, dispersed over the central area of the country, could not possibly support his armies still attempting to fight. Communications were badly broken and no Nazi senior commander could ever be sure that his orders would reach the troops for whom they were intended. While in these areas there were troops capable of putting up fierce and stubborn resistance, only on the Northern and Southern flanks of the great Western front were there armies of sufficient size to do more than delay Allied advances.

On March 31, I issued a proclamation to the German troops surrendering and the latter to begin planting crops. I described the hopelessness of their situation and told them that further resistance would only add to their future miseries.

My purpose was to bring the whole bloody business to an end. But the hold of Hitler on his associates was still so strong and he was so effectively applied elsewhere, through the medium of the Gestapo and SS, that the nation continued to fight.

When Bradley reached the Kassel region his problem was a double-headed one. He first had to compress the Ruhr defenders into a small enough pocket so that they could be contained with a few divisions and effectively prevented from interfering with his own communications. His second job was to organize his three armies for a main advance across the central plateau of Germany in the direction of Leipzig.

His three front-line armies were, from North to South, Simpson's Ninth, Hodges' First, and Patton's Third. He had a total of forty-eight divisions, the largest exclusively American force in our history.

Field Marshal Model commanded the German forces in the Ruhr pocket. He first attempted to break out of the encirclement by an attack toward the North, and he was defeated. A similar attempt toward the South was equally abortive, and the German garrison had nothing to look forward to except eventual surrender. Bradley kept hammering back the enemy lines and on April 14 the Americans launched a local attack that split the pocket in two. Two days later the Eastern half collapsed. On the eighteenth the whole remaining garrison surrendered. Originally we had estimated we would capture about 160,000 of the German Army in the Ruhr. In the final count the total reached 225,000, including 30 general officers. We destroyed twenty-one divisions and captured enormous quantities of supplies. Hitler must have hoped that the siege of the Ruhr would be as stubbornly contested as was that of Brest, but within eighteen days of the moment the Ruhr was surrounded it had surrendered with an even greater number of prisoners than we had bagged in the final Tunisian collapse almost two years earlier.

In the meantime Bradley had rapidly organized his forces for the Eastward drive. By the time the Ruhr garrison surrendered, some of his spearheads had already reached the Elbe. Hundred and fifty miles from Kassel, Bradley's advance was conducted on a broad front. On the South the Third Army struck in the direction of the Czechoslovakian border and toward the city of Chemnitz. Just North of that country, it reached that place April 18-19. On Patton's left the First Army attacked began April 11 and made rapid progress against scattered resistance. On the fourteenth the 3rd Armoured Division of Collins' VII Corps reached Dessau, practically on the Elbe. This corps, which had been in the original assault against the Normandy beaches and soon thereafter had all the way across North West Europe from the coast of France to the river Elbe.

April 12 I spent with George Patton. Before the day ended, the

scenes I saw and news I heard etched the date in my memory. In the morning we visited some of Patton's scattered corps and divisions, which were pushing rapidly Eastward in a typical Patton thrust, here and there surrounding and capturing isolated detachments of the disintegrating enemy. There was no general line of resistance, or indeed even any co-ordinated attempt at delay. However, some of the local enemy detachments stubbornly defended themselves and we saw sporadic fighting throughout the day.

General Patton's army had overrun and discovered Nazi treasure hidden away in the lower levels of a deep salt mine. A group of us descended the shaft, almost a half mile under the surface of the earth. At the bottom were huge piles of German paper currency, apparently heaped up there in a last frantic effort to evacuate some of it before the arrival of the Americans. In one of the tunnels was an enormous number of paintings, many other pieces of art. Some of these were wrapped in paper and burlap, others were merely stacked together like cordwood.

In another tunnel we saw a hoard of gold, tentatively estimated by our experts to be worth about \$250,000,000, most of it in gold bars. There were in sacks, there was also a great amount of minted gold from the different countries of Europe and even a few millions of gold coins from the United States.

Crammed into suitcases and other containers was a great amount of gold and silver plate and ornaments, obviously looted from private dwellings throughout Europe. All the articles had been fastened by hammer blows, obviously to save storage space, and then merely thrown into the receptacle, apparently pending an opportunity to melt them down into gold or silver bars.

Attention had been originally drawn to the particular tunnel in which all this gold was stored by the existence of a newly built brick wall in the centre of which was a steel safe door of the most modern type. The safe door was so formidable that heavy explosive charges would certainly have been necessary for its demolition. However, to an American soldier who inspected it the surrounding brick wall did not look particularly strong, and he tested out his theory with a mere half stick of TNT. With this he blew an enormous hole completely through the obstruction and the hoard was exposed to view. We speculated as to why the Germans had not attempted to provide a concealed hiding place for the treasure in the labyrinth of tunnels instead of choosing to attempt its protection by a wall that could easily have been demolished by a pickaxe. The elaborate steel door made no sense to us at all; but an American soldier who accompanied me remarked: "It's just like the Germans to lock the stable door but to tear out all its sides." Patton's story of the incident that led to the exploration of the mine was in itself intriguing.

It is probable, of course, that sooner or later the mine would have been carefully searched by the captors. But according to Patton, except for the instincts of human decency on the part of two Americans, we might not have discovered it until much of it had been more securely hidden away. The story was this:

In the little neighbouring town the advancing Americans had established a curfew law. Any civilian in the streets after dark was instantly picked up for questioning. One evening a roving patrol in a jeep saw a German woman hurrying along the street after curfew and stopped to speak to her. She protested that she was rushing off to get a midwife for her neighbour, who was about to have a child. The American soldier decided to check on the story, being quite ready to help if it should prove to be correct. They took the German woman into their jeep, picked up the midwife, and returned to the accompaniment,

to reduce the pocket and to beat off other German troops who attempted to relieve the garrison was of a bitter character. Still farther to the North Simpson's Ninth Army kept equal pace with the advance in the centre and the South. By April 6 the Ninth had established a bridgehead over the formidable Weser River and thereafter dashed for the Elbe, which it reached just South of Magdeburg April 11. The next day the 2nd Armoured Division of the Ninth Army achieved a small bridgehead over the Elbe, ten miles below. Establishment of another small bridgehead by the 8th Armoured Division of the XIII Corps North of Magdeburg was thwarted when the enemy blew the bridge. In this sector the enemy appeared to be willing to abandon the country West of the Elbe but savagely opposed any attempt to cross the river. The Germans immediately counterattacked the bridgehead of the 2nd Armoured Division, which was abandoned on April 14. However, another crossing farther South by the 83rd Division was maintained.

Almost coincidentally with our arrival on the Elbe the Red Army launched a powerful Westward drive from its positions on the Oder. The attack was on a front of more than two hundred miles. The Red drive made speedy progress everywhere. Its Northern flank pushed in the direction of the Danubius peninsula, the centre toward Berlin, and the Southern flank toward the Dresden area. On April 25 patrols of the 69th Division of the V Corps met elements of the Red Army's 58th Guards Division on the Elbe. The two forces took place at Torgau, some seventy-five miles South of Berlin. The V Corps, like the VII, had participated in the initial assault on the beaches of Normandy and it seemed eminently fitting that troops of one of these corps should be first to make contact with the Red Army and accomplish the final severance of the German nation. The problem of liaison with the Russians grew constantly more important as we advanced across central Germany.

The pressing questions were no longer those of major strategy but had become tactical in character. One of the principal difficulties was that of mutual identification.

Because of differences in language front-line radios were useless as a means of communication between the two converging forces. The only solution to the problem seemed to lie in timely agreements upon markings and procedures. As early as the beginning of April the air forces of the Western Allies and the Russians had come into contact, with some unfortunate results. Shots had been exchanged between Red aircraft and our own, and the danger of major clashes continued to increase. The task of organizing a system of recognition signals was laborious and was not fully accomplished until April 20. However, both sides had already agreed upon restraining lines for the use of their air forces, and by the exercise of care, accompanied by a considerable degree of good fortune, no really serious errors took place.

It was also agreed between ourselves and the Russians that when troops of the two converging forces met local commanders would arrange satisfactory junction lines between the two, based upon local and operational considerations. For the general junction line between the two forces were anxious to have as easily identifiable geographical features. For this reason the agreed-upon line, in the centre of the front, followed the Elbe and Mulde rivers. It was understood that the withdrawal of our forces to their occupation zone would take place at whatever future date might be agreed upon by our respective governments.

During the First Army's advance more than 15,000 of the enemy were cut off in the Harz Mountains. The defenders fought stubbornly and held out until April 21. The country was exceedingly difficult. The week-long fighting



An American who has a bullet lodged in his heart is likely to die if he laughs. He is thinking of going to Moscow.

A new cinema has just opened in Kowloon—it is called the Liberty. The management wish to make it clear that this does not mean it is free.

—Bertha, a woman, thinking that she is fed up with her husband, her fans think this is the last straw.

She hissed badly. "I'm going to slandering thee!" she said, heaving a sigh.

A goalkeeper deliberately leaves an open goal for a penalty kick and the opposing captain deliberately shoots wide. Perhaps the best solution to the current local soccer problem would be to order the referees off the field.

Police officers are to seek legal aid to protect them against arbitrary dismissal. Paging the Reform Club?

Singapore has banned the importation of American cigarettes. Apparently they don't like the idea of paying out new money for Old Gold.

A Reuter correspondent reports that he finds the China war more incomprehensible than ever. He's now joined ranks with a lot of other people.

According to a news item, taxicab owners and strikers met at "an amicable party." They fail to state who the genial fellow was.

The Rev. M. Stevenson says only the coming of a "new spirit" can save the UN. Apparently he thinks we've been viewing the present situation from the wrong end of the bottle.

A man who drove away in a luxury car, after eating a luxury meal in a luxury hotel, was interviewed yesterday in his luxury flat.

"Here are the facts," he said. "The car's worn out, the meal was terrible, the hotel stank, and this flat's both a shambles and a swindle. In fact, I'd like to clear out."

"In a luxury liner?" he was asked.

"No," he said tersely. "In a damned ship."

"Do you care for gorgonzola?" asked the author, of a nervous young woman sitting next to him at dinner.

"Well I don't know" stammered the girl. "I think I prefer the work of his brother Emilie."

Are you troubled with improper thoughts? asks a psychiatrist. Personally we rather enjoy them.

Winston is one of the greatest living masters of the devastating retort. A well-known playwright recently sent him tickets for the first performance of his latest play, together with the following note. "Please do come. The second ticket is for a friend—if you have one."

Churchill replied politely—"Thanks very much. I cannot come on the first night, but will attend the second performance—if there is one."

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WESTERN SCEPTICISM OVER STALIN'S OFFER

Move To Torpedo Signing Of Atlantic Defence Pact A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

London, February 1.

Western diplomats take a sceptical view of Prime Minister Josef Stalin's cagey "peace" overture.

Many quarters think the move reflects Russia's shock at the speed with which movements for Western unity are taking shape.

Exports in capitals all over the world are studying the answers Premier Stalin gave on Sunday to an American newsman's questions. They are trying to determine whether Stalin is engaged in a Soviet propaganda move or expressing a genuine desire for peace.

An American diplomatic source in London believes Russia has been shocked into the new Stalin manoeuvre by the speed with which the West is building up its political defence against aggression.

A similar view is expressed by a British informant who says Stalin had made an obvious attempt to torpedo the proposed North Atlantic security pact. Newspapers in Western Europe carried editorials along the same line.

Russia has shown definite symptoms of nervousness over the proposed North Atlantic pact since new being negotiated in Washington. The Soviet Foreign Ministry has described the pact as a plot to undermine the United Nations and an attempt to establish American-British world domination.

Many British newspapers are sceptical of the Stalin declaration, which they contrast with the week-end Soviet Denunciation of the Western powers and their questioning of Norway on the Atlantic Pact proposals.

Some papers, while declaring that Marshal Stalin's words cannot be taken at their face value, urge the Western powers

to make the most of them to secure a working agreement with Russia.

Last Chance?

The Manchester Guardian says: "Stalin holds that Germany is the key to the 'cold war' and the defeat of the Western Union, and he is preparing to concentrate on it."

"In this sense, his statement is aimed quite as much at the confusion of German opinion as at the American, British or French."

The Conservative Yorkshire Post comments: "For all its clumsiness, the Russian action may be offering us a chance of that showdown for which Mr. Churchill asked some weeks ago."

"It may be the last chance to stop a drift towards a disastrous conflict."

Declaring that the Soviet leader's words demand a response, the Liberal News Chronicle says: "The fact remains that Marshal Stalin's overtures to the West (for such they are) cannot be laughed off or cavalierly rejected."

One Purpose

The Conservative Daily Mail states that in Germany Russia wants to share in the recovery which she did her utmost to prevent. Nevertheless, if there is the slightest hope of reaching a settlement in Germany, it should be explored to the utmost.

W. N. Ewer, diplomatic correspondent of the Trade Unionist Daily Herald, writes: "The Kremlin is speaking with what sounds like two voices—the voice of Stalin and the voice of Molotov. But there is no real conflict between Marshal Stalin and Mr. Molotov. Both have the same purpose: to prevent the unification of Western Europe and the conclusion of an Atlantic Pact."

The Communist Daily Worker says: "If the United States military circles are prepared to talk peace, then the Soviet Union is quite willing to meet them."

"If they intend to continue their war plans, the Soviet Union will strengthen its fight for peace on more definite lines than hitherto."

American's answer to the offer may be discussed this week at the first full meeting between Mr. Dean Acheson, the new Secretary of State, and the five Western Union Ambassadors, diplomatic observers in Washington think.

Cool Answer

They believe the reply will aim at "reassuring" the Scandinavian countries and other European nations, particularly Italy, Portugal and Greece. It will be a "cool" answer, observers thought.

Diplomatic sources will expect the Soviet Union to continue its "peace offensive" until mid-March when, according to present plans, the North Atlantic

Pact is due to be signed by the Brussels treaty powers (Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg), the United States and Canada.

Observers feel that the Soviet strategy may lead the United States and the Western Union powers to consider speeding up the alliance programme.

In Berlin, Herr Karl Schwenke, the Democratic Liberal Party leader, is quoted by the German news agency, DPA, as saying that Marshal Stalin's readiness to lift the "blockade" is explained by the "extraordinary efficiency of the Soviet Union."

Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, Deputy Lord Mayor of Berlin, says the Stalin statement shows that the Soviet Union wishes, in collaboration with the Western powers, to bring to an end the unbearable situation in Berlin.

UN Caution

Dr. Otto Suhr, Chairman of Berlin's "Western" City Council, comments that the Soviet leader gave no indication of guarantees for Berliners and Germans in general to let them build an independent administration for Berlin and a Federal Republic for Germany.

In Paris, a Foreign Office spokesman said the French Government attaches a certain importance to the announcement that Marshal Stalin is prepared to meet President Truman to discuss drafting a peace pact.

It is still premature to make any comment, and it is not yet known what action the French Government will take, the spokesman added.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, when asked tonight whether he would consider offering Lake Success as a "mutually acceptable" meeting place for President Truman and Marshal Stalin, said he would consider the matter and might make a statement tomorrow.

However, Marshal Stalin's latest move in the so-called "peace offensive" has been received with great caution by diplomats at Lake Success. High officials of the United Nations decline to comment on it.

Moscow Radio is broadcasting Marshal Stalin's "peace" statement in all news bulletins, both domestic and foreign. Sometimes the statement is repeated twice in succession.

Every language on the Russian broadcast list is being used, Associated Press and Reuter.

SERVICES FOR MILES VAUGHN

Tokyo, February 1. Memorial services for the late Mr. Miles Vaughn, Vice-President of the United Press for the Far East, will be held tomorrow.

Mr. Vaughn was drowned in Tokyo Bay on January 30 when the boat in which he was duck shooting capsized in a squall.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT WILLING TO SEE STALIN —IN U.S.A.

Washington, January 31. President Truman is willing to see Marshal Stalin provided the meeting is held in Washington, a White House spokesman said today.

Mr. Charles Ross, the Presidential Secretary, told a press conference that there is no comment from the President on Generalissimo Stalin's statement yesterday.

He was then asked if the President's position regarding such a meeting has changed. Mr. Ross said that the first official word he had received on the subject was the President's statement to a recent press conference that he is willing to see Marshal Stalin any time he comes to Washington.

Mr. Ross said there has been no official message from the Soviet Government regarding a meeting.—Reuter.

CLOTHES OFF THE RATION

London, January 31.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons today that practically all suits, jackets, trousers, overcoats, costumes and woven wool dresses are to be taken off the ration from tomorrow.

Knitted wool and knitted garments will stay on the ration. The number of coupons each person will have in the next rationing period will be reduced from 24 to 17.

The announcement was greeted with loud cheers in the House.—Reuter.

London, January 31.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, is to receive a deputation from the National Union of Small Shopkeepers to discuss a plan for civilian guards to combat shop and factory breaking.—Reuter.

Russians Getting Ready With New Disarmament Plan

Lake Success, January 31.

Russia is reported to be preparing a new statement on world disarmament for the United Nations. It may be an important sequel to Premier Stalin's bid for a Soviet-American "peace programme."

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, is getting ready to reopen the much-mangled Nations disarmament debate.

The Security Council may meet this week to consider the issue, and the Soviet spokesman is expected to be the first speaker if it does.

United Nations diplomats await Mr. Malik's statement as a possible portent of what the Kremlin plans to do to back up Stalin's advocacy of a Russo-American no-war statement and reduction of armaments.

They react to the Stalin interview with the same wall-and-see attitude that marked reaction in London, Washington and many other capitals.

While the Russians at the United Nations are always likely to pull surprises, Western delegates feel that when Mr. Malik reopens the disarmament debate he will not produce any change in Russia's attitude on the oft-debated issue.

Disarmament Views

The Russians insist on early disarmament by the Big Five.

Russians Believe Truman-Stalin Meeting Possible

Moscow, January 31.

The question, "Will Stalin and Truman meet?" is the main topic of conversation in Moscow.

Answers heard on the streets and public conveyances generally follow the same pattern: "I believe they will."

Foreign diplomats approach the question with more caution, however. They point to Premier Stalin's answer to the question of whether he will meet President Truman at a "mutually suitable" place.

Premier Stalin answered: "I have already stated before that there is no objection to a meeting."

They point out that Premier Stalin did not say "such a meeting" but simply "a meeting."

The diplomats agree that there is a difference in the two. However, they do not discount the possibility that Stalin and Truman may meet at some half-way point between their two countries.

Pravda publishes Stalin's answers to the questions on Palestine but makes no editorial comment.

One foreign diplomat comments: "I cannot imagine a Stalin-Truman meeting without the British and French but I presume Stalin would have no objection to that."—Associated Press.

RITUAL MURDER ACQUITTAL

Moscow, January 31.

The Basuto sub-chief, Gabriel Thibeli, and three followers were acquitted today of a charge of ritual murder of a herd boy more than three years ago.

Justice W. Pittman told the Moser Court that a reasonable supposition exists that other persons committed the crime. Evidence was given that the boy was taken to the hut of one of the accused, where the flesh was cut from his eyes, ears and mouth, and his blood collected in a bottle.

Next day the body was thrown into a river.—Reuter.

Arrests Of British Subjects

London, January 31.

The British Ambassador in Cairo has been instructed to make further and forcible representations to Egypt about the detention of British subjects, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

Mr. McNeill, who had been asked what had been done to secure their release, added: "Twenty-one British subjects have been arrested and detained by the Egyptian authorities since martial law was declared on May 15."

"Representations have been frequently made on this subject by the British Embassy in Cairo to the Egyptian authorities and I took the opportunity recently in Paris of bringing to the attention of the Egyptian Foreign Minister the grave concern of the British Government at the detention of British subjects without specific charges being presented against them."

"Twelve of them have been released but nine are still in detention."—Reuter.

Planning Council Of Europe

London, January 31.

The Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission will meet in London this week to work out plans for the establishment of a Council of Europe.

Since the five Foreign Ministers who met in London last week are reported to have reached full agreement on all questions of principle, the Commission will chiefly deal with practical details, such as the methods of voting and the relative sizes of national delegations.

When progress has been made on these lines, the Permanent Commission will address formal invitations to Italy and to certain other European powers not members of the Western Union to join the Council of Europe.

Not more than five powers will be invited at first.

When the Italian Ambassador in London, Duke Tomaso Galati-Scotti, saw Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, last Saturday, he was informed that Italy will receive a formal invitation in due course.—Reuter.

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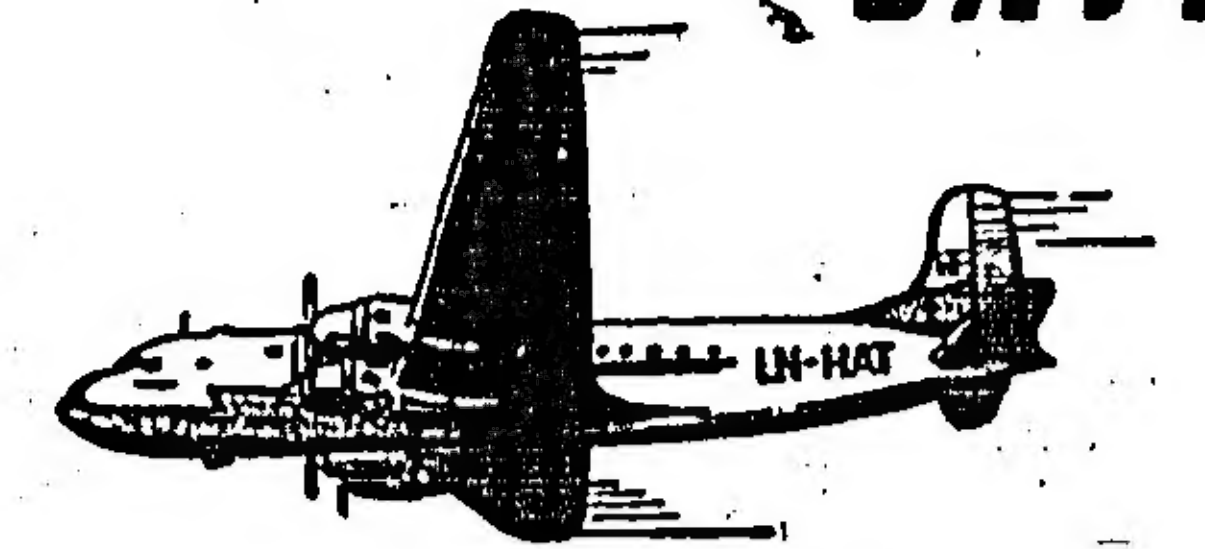
Shanghai, February 1.

The cost of living index for the January 15 to January 21 period in Shanghai reached 88.47, representing a wage increase since January 15 of more than 80 per cent for Shanghai workers.—Associated Press.

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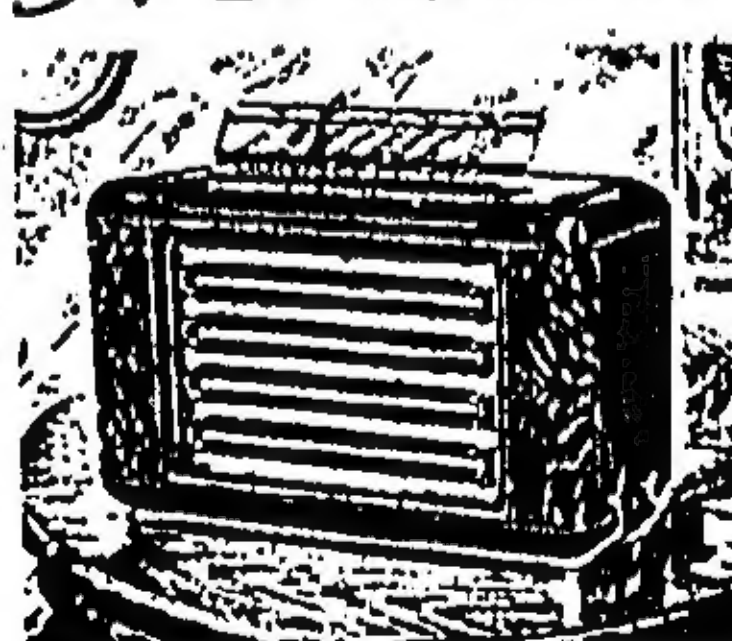
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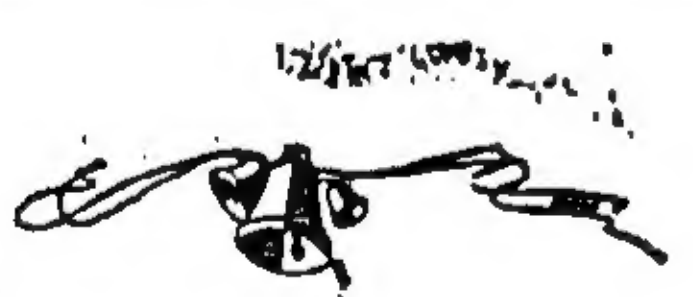
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Woman Today

Fish Net Fashions

Ever since the late '30's Mrs. John C. Worthington of North Truro, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, has been casting her fish net on the right side and finding the yield good.

It was 10 years ago or more that she first saw other uses for fish nets than their primary one, that of catching fish.

She began using them about her home for hangings and curtains when she moved to the Cape with her husband, whose cold-storage business in connection with the fishing industry took him there. Then she used them for turbans and for blouses for herself and made them up for friends. Sud-

Now she has a new idea in fish net, only totally different from former ideas, but a novel variation, or perhaps even a combination of several ideas. It is actually a shopping bag, with a decorative row of loops at the bottom.

It comes neatly folded in a plastic envelope, so it may be conveniently tucked into one's handbag without tangling with the rest of the contents.

There is a button-shaped knot in the centre of the net which serves as the handle of this simple bag. And this is the key to its ingenious variations.

Placing this at the centre one may drape the net over the hair as a becoming and graceful scarf for evening wear. In the daytime, it will serve equally well folded or twisted as a headband or as a belt. Add another bag of contrasting colour, slipping one knotted end over the other, and a graceful sash results.

The colours are those which Mrs. Worthington has found in the landscape and the sea. There are about 20 tones, with such picturesque names as beach-plum rust, cranberry, bay blue, dusty miller, poverty gold, and sand.

She has had a busy summer at a little shop she maintains in North Truro where her fish-net designs have been exceedingly popular. But only a week ago did she discover the many ways her bag design could be used. Now she expects the bags to go rapidly as gift items for Christmas because they are inexpensive, so simple to send, and they have such a variety of uses.

Like the author of a story who starts out with a character and hardly knows where it is going to lead him, Mrs. Worthington finds herself constantly surprised with new ideas which her fish-net articles present and which start her off with new enthusiasm to pick up the nets where she may have dropped them at the end of a season.

OPENING LETTUCE

The best way to open lettuce is to let it stand in cold water for a while and then it will open. That helps, but when in a hurry to open a head of lettuce cut the stem end out, then hold that end under the hot water faucet for a minute and the lettuce will hold it under the cold water faucet. It opens up very quickly.

LITTLE DRESSES WITH LONG LIVES



Certain dresses have qualities which ensure them long life. They develop into "the little dress I've had for years"—the one which can be worn from morning to night, which somehow lasts longer than the more expensive, more elaborate ones.

First essential is quality of material. Shoddy fabrics, no matter how pretty they look, are a bad purchase. Their life is short; they nullify good line, style and workmanship. So learn to choose the good from the bad—and remember, you can find quality hiding in the cheaper price ranges, if you look for it.

Simplicity of style is another must if you intend to insure your dress for long life. Simplicity that doesn't mean unbecoming uniformity, either, but the soft simplicity that whispers elegance. Do away with the rather obvious faddicals, the frills and flounces, cleave to the simplicity which is flattering because it proves your good taste.

The dress on the left, smart in a fine sheer, is simple, yet has all the trimming it needs in the subtle lines of its own charming design.

The little dress that lasts the longest is the one with the best workmanship. It fits perfectly, its waistline is smooth, the skirt sleek, the hem straight and true, the shoulders correct, the button-holes neat, the stitching and finishing precise.

Time and thought have been taken in its making, and experience has been in the fingers which made it. It's a lovely dress, as the one on the right would be, made with these details in mind from a good neutral or black fabric.

Important in the life-span of a dress is its cut. There is a difference between good line and bad so important that it can make or mar a garment with all the other details to its credit—quality of fabric, simplicity of design, good workmanship.

EIGHT STEPS TO BEAUTY

By CYNTHIA MANIFOLD

THIS is the era of planning! Therefore, let us have a Plan for Good Looks and Beauty—for the better we women look, the better we feel and the better we are.

Character, an active mind, tolerance, good humour are the inward essentials, but make-up continues to be a good-looks necessity, capable of turning the ugliest duckling into a swan. Remember, many an actress was not born beautiful, but achieved beauty.

Here are my eight steps to good looks:

1—CLEANLINESS: Have a soapy scrub at bedtime and rinse with warm water. If you have pimples a complexion brush is a must; for you the soaped flannel is too casual, and the brush soon discourages blemishes. Creaming is the essential guard against chapping, and friction against wrinkles. After a night creaming a morning cold-water douse brings freshness and colour.

2—FOUNDATION: Carefully tap in a good foundation cosmetic, or use one of the popular new cake type. Their shades are flattering and they perform wonders in disguising minor defects if you select your shade wisely.

3—ROUGE: A rosy warmth is engendered by a touch of rouge on a pale cheek—but nature never formed a blush resembling a bright

red apple. Rouge placed high makes eyes sparkle; placed low it gives the face a dragged-down look.

Rouge close to the nose if your face is round, high on the cheek if it is long, remembering cream rouge under and cake rouge over your powder.

4—POWDER: Choose powder to harmonise with your skin colour and surface. Dry skins need a powder with an oily base, and a pale skin is more vital when a blended powder is used—ivory and flesh give a creamy, porcelain-like surface. Astringent face powder is a boon to oily skins and shiny noses.

5—LIP CARE: Rouge and lipstick should tone. Lipstake keeps your lips smooth and soft. Never, never, allow your mouth to droop. Facial gestures cause more wrinkles than a meandering husband or keeping the bank balance blue.

6—GLASSES: Believe it or not, but glasses sometimes not only make a woman see better but also make her look better. Opticians have stepped into the beauty trade with varied and pleasing shapes and colours. They even have glasses to make your nose look shorter or longer.

7—HAIR: All famous beauties—pretty or plain—have lovely hair, for this is one beauty asset that anyone can acquire. Daily brushing is the first step—it brings lustre and has a stimulating effect on the tiny blood streams that supply the growth, and nourishment. There's a new brush with bristles set like spokes in a wheel that is excellent for scalp friction. If the fashion flatters you the cropped hair-do is making successful headlines. It gives a more youthful appearance to the older woman.

Make-Up Hints

By Valerie Hobson

Any studio make-up artist will tell you how important is the right application of powder. It should be patted in deeply, with special attention to the nose and chin creases where it is inclined to smudge, or lump.

Don't be afraid to use plenty of powder—but be sure it matches your complexion. Experiment by

blending different shades of powder at home. Brush off the surplus with a powder brush to ensure a perfect even finish.

Use rouge sparingly, high under the eyes if you are tired, with an outward circular movement to give a point to round faces. The rouge must blend gradually to your cheeks.

8—LOVELY EYES: The best way to keep the eyes bright is to be well and strong, so take plenty of sleep and cultivate an animated mind. Women who love to laugh have interesting eyes!

Charm-givers are neat brows, uplifted lashes, and firm tissues round the eyes. Mineral oil is beneficial, frictioned into the lashes and lids night and morning. Apply mascara with an upward brush movement on the top lid only.

So, let this be your beauty slogan—"Be patient, persevere and be beautiful." No more stop-and-go business. Remember, if you have reached the 40 mark, that old man Time has his eye on you and bodes no good. Preservation of good looks and a good figure is not difficult if you start determinedly and early.

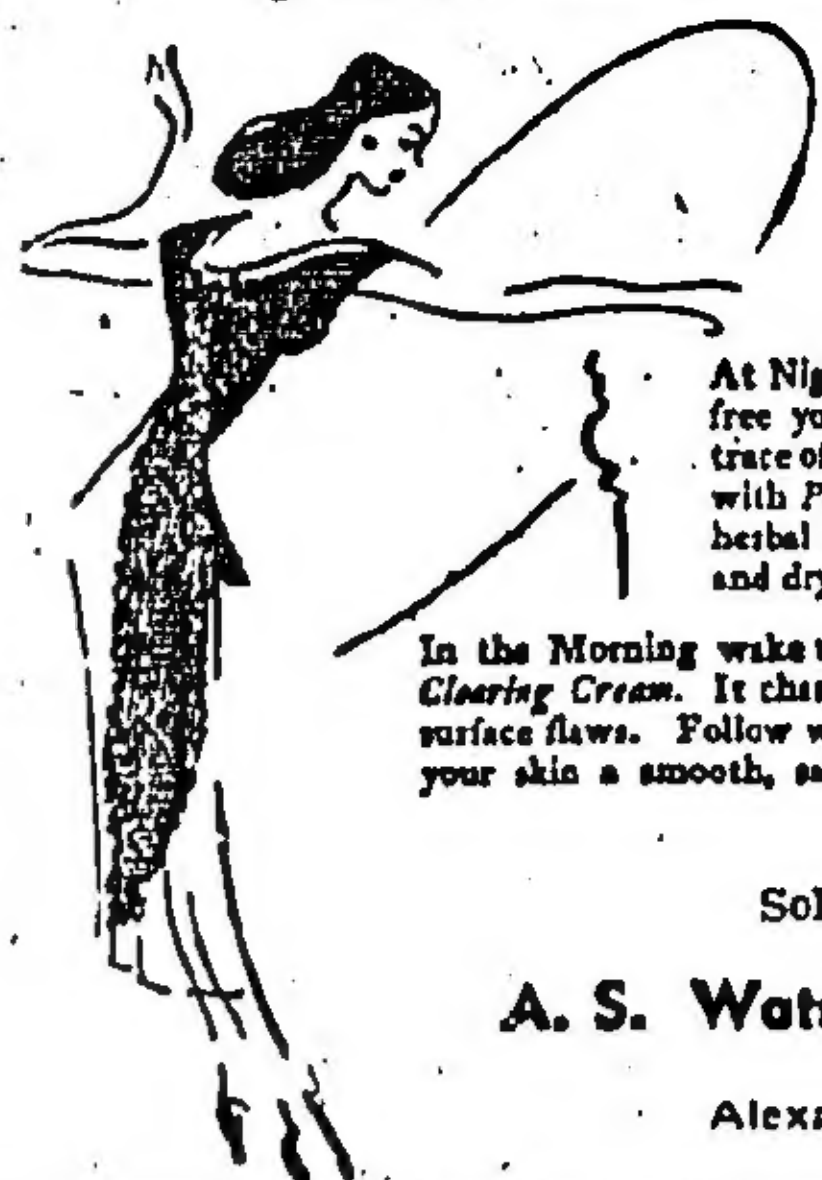
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DEFENCE PREPARATIONS DEMANDS IN STOCKHOLM

A Shot Across Bows Of Oslo Conference

London, January 31. The Soviet Union's demand of Norway to explain her attitude to the North Atlantic Pact is considered in London a more important development in the diplomatic war than the vicious Soviet attack on the Western Governments, the Yorkshire Post's diplomatic correspondent writes.

It is described by an official source the paper said, as a shot across the bows of the Oslo Conference.

The Times' diplomatic correspondent writes that the fact that the Russian demand was made and simultaneously pressure being brought to bear on a small power in order to influence her in the conduct of her foreign policy.

The implications behind the inquiry, it is considered, constitute one of the main arguments why small neutral countries should abandon their isolation in order to gain the moral support of the Western powers.—Reuter.

German Prisoners In Soviet Hands

London, January 31. The Soviet reaction to a British query about the return of German prisoners of war was "not untypical," Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

"It contests the accuracy of our statement, makes some counter-accusations—completely without foundation—and declines to enter into negotiations," he said in reply to a question.

The full Soviet reply has not yet been received at the Foreign Office, he added.

Asked if all the evidence does not show that there are more than 200,000 German prisoners in Soviet territory, Mr. McNeil replied: "I should think that would be a conservative statement."

Mr. Nigel Birch, Conservative, suggested that he publish photographs showing the physical condition of the prisoners returned from Russia.

Mr. McNeil replied, however: "We are still hopeful that the Soviet Government may prove reasonable on this subject, although their first reaction has not been of that kind."

"I would not like to commit myself to the suggestion that we should publish photographs, although I agree that physical condition in many cases has been most regrettable."

The British note to the Soviet Union said Britain had repatriated all her German prisoners. It asked if Russia had done likewise in accordance with the agreement reached at the Moscow Council of Foreign Ministers in 1947 that all German prisoners in the hands of the occupying powers be sent back to Germany by December last.—Reuter.

Industries Paralysed By Strike

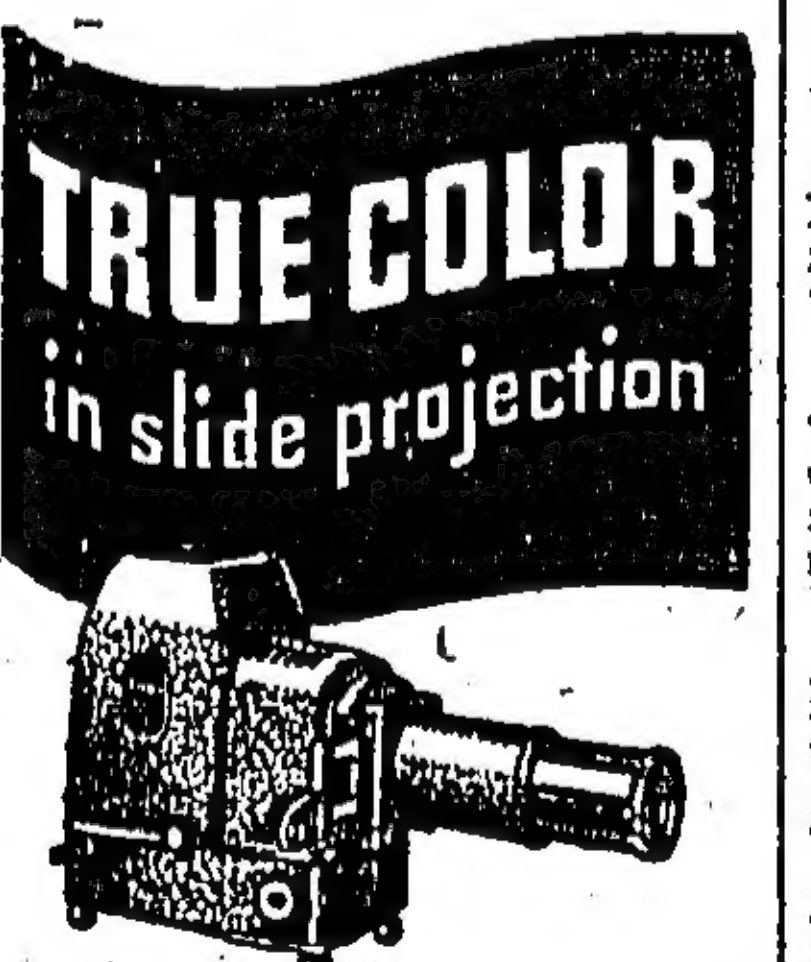
Brussels, January 31. A nearly total strike of gas and electricity workers today paralysed many of Belgium's industries and sharply cut her coal output.

Skeleton staffs will be on duty to supply key industries, hospitals, pumping stations and food producers with Government, employers and workers' approval.

Domestic supplies were normal today but they may be cut if essential output cannot meet the needs of its consumers.

The Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, called a meeting of Ministers and employers to seek a solution to the strike, which began when employers refused to meet the demands for a five per cent increase in basic hourly wages.

The employers say they cannot meet the demands of the workers without raising gas and electricity costs to consumers, and the Government has refused to admit any raises.—Reuter.



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Stockholm, January 31. Increased military preparedness is urged by three Stockholm newspapers following the Soviet note to Norway demanding clarification of her attitude towards a North Atlantic Pact.

Demanding "swift measures," the papers all regard the note as signifying a shifting of the cold war to the Scandinavian peninsula.

The Soviet note was handed to the Norwegian Foreign Office in Oslo on Saturday. It warned Norway not to join the North Atlantic Pact, reminding the Norwegians of their common border with Russia.

The delivery of the note coincided with the failure in Oslo of efforts to form a Scandinavian military alliance which would have kept Norway out of the Atlantic Pact.

Most Stockholm newspapers predict that the Soviet action will hasten rather than delay Norway's joining the Atlantic Alliance.

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Mr. Hoover testified before the House Executive Expenditures Committee. He stressed the need for economies, saying the burden of government is piling up on the average citizen.

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AUTHOR'S LIBEL SUIT

FORMER COMMUNIST'S FIFTEEN ALIASES

Paris, January 31.

Victor Kravchenko, Russian-born author of the anti-Soviet best seller, "I Chose Freedom," said in court today that he had used 10 or 15 different names "to protect himself from his enemies."

He is suing the French Communist literary weekly "Les Lettres Francaises" for libel damages of 3,000,000 francs for saying that he is not literate enough to write a book, that he is a liar, a traitor and an habitual drunkard.

When Maitre Nordmann, Counsel for the weekly, asked today if he knew a Paul Nedrin, the plaintiff smiled and said: "Yes and no." He said that he had often changed his name, had used 15 already and might have to use another 10.

People in court applauded when Kravchenko, in reply to a request for his identity papers, said: "I am not in the Soviet Union where you need a pile of documents. I am in free France."

The judge rebuked the applauding public and expelled one man from the court.

Maitre Nordmann alleged that Kravchenko had received "extraordinary privileges" from the American Departments of State, Finance, Justice and Police.

Counsel said that without their aid, Kravchenko could not have obtained an exit permit from the United States and a French entry visa under the false name of Paul Nedrin.

One of Kravchenko's witnesses, a stout middle-aged Russian woman from a displaced persons' camp in Germany, burst into tears when telling how she lost her farm in Russia in 1932 under the collectivisation of farms programme.

She said that all her clothing, furniture and cattle were confiscated and she was turned out into the snow although she was pregnant. Her baby died.

When she sought refuge with a village neighbour, she said, a drunken Russian official pestered her in her bedroom. She said that she could not return to Russia, as she would be classified as a Kulak (rich peasant class liquidated by the Soviet Government in 1930).

After several more witnesses, Counsel for the defence said that he hopes to be able to call tomorrow Mr. Zilliacus, the British Labour Member of Parliament.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

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Post For Churchill Suggested

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Mr. Leslie Here-Bellish, former Minister of War, today suggested that Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, receive an important post in the proposed Council of Europe.

Mr. Here-Bellish also suggested that Germany be promised a place on the Council.

Mr. Here-Bellish served in Mr. Churchill's wartime coalition Cabinet. Speaking at a dinner here tonight, he recalled that Mr. Churchill had campaigned for a United Europe and said: "Surely, in the inauguration of this new development of climatic significance in history, the world architect who designed the building will not be excluded for Party reasons from the structure."

"Europe will be the loser if Mr. Churchill is not invited to play his appropriate part from the opening session onward."

He said Germany should be told forthwith that, once her Western Government is set up, she will be admitted to the Council of Europe as a member State.—United Press.

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Compromise Plan At Rhodes Talks

Rhodes, January 31.

The acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, handed to the Israeli and Egyptian delegates today a new peace plan—still secret—prepared yesterday and during the night by him. The plan is said to contain a compromise proposal to fix armistice lines in the Negev desert of Southern Palestine.

An Israeli source told Reuter he thinks the negotiations will be over by next Friday. The Israeli delegation is to meet Dr. Bunche tonight to present their corrections and amendments to his proposals. The Egyptians are awaiting new instructions from Cairo. They regard the plan less favourably than the Israelis.

Dr. Bunche told reporters that the documents he gave both delegations have several working papers designed to facilitate and expedite agreement.

An Israeli courier took the documents to Tel Aviv for instructions from the Jewish Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion. It is hoped that if there are no set-backs concerning the new plan, both delegations will be invited by the Mediator to draft a joint agreement.

A Compromise

A United Nations source stated that Dr. Bunche's document, still officially secret, is a compromise proposal for the delineation of armistice lines.

It covers the main controversial points, including a line in an important road junction South East of Beerseba captured by the Israelis during the last phase of the fighting around Beerseba itself.

Dr. Bunche said: "The delegations are now studying the papers, and the meetings will be resumed when they are ready with their views and reactions."

Dr. Bunche disclosed that Colonel Ismail Sherkin, of the Egyptian delegation, has left for Cairo for consultations with his Government. The reactions to

the new document will determine the success or failure of the conference. Both parties attach great importance to the armistice lines, which affect future boundaries. In Amman, the capital of Transjordan, it is expected that Dr. Bunche will invite Transjordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq to take part in the peace negotiations.

Jerusalem Snag

These States are likely to object to the talks being held in Rhodes, but it is thought that any invitation from Dr. Bunche to negotiate will be accepted.

In Jerusalem, the Jews indicate that they will not join in conciliation talks with the Arabs there because the United Nations has granted the Arabs £2,250 to improve a road connecting the Arab-held Old City of Jerusalem with the former Government House.

Government House is the headquarters of the Conciliation Commission and the Arabs had said they would not negotiate without a road. The Jews said the area around Government House is demilitarised and neutral territory, and they were not consulted about the money allocation.

The road-making violated the status quo agreement, they said. Reuter.

Fighting Raging Near Rangoon

Rangoon, February 1.

A force of entrenched Karen rebels surrounded after a bitter nine-hour battle with Burmese troops on the outskirts of Rangoon.

Heavy machine-guns and mortars blasted the Karens from trenches and concrete buildings in and about the suburban village of Thamaling, only eight miles North of the capital. At times the battle raged at point blank range.

Residents of the suburbs made a panicky rush toward Rangoon after the shooting stopped. Many Karens escaped in the confusion.

The fighting held up peace talks due to be held here. Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the Karens National Union, was unable to get through the battle area to resume peace conversations started on Sunday with Burmese Government leaders.

Da U Gyi has proposed settlement between the Government and Karen tribesmen and other rebellious political factions.

The Karens seek to carve out of Burma their own independent state of Karenistan. A Communist group also is fighting to get up its own state. Other Communists are fighting to overthrow the Government and seize power.

Another major fight between the Karens and Burma's National forces is brewing in the Irarawaddy Delta area South West of Rangoon. Armed Karens are massing on the river bank opposite the town of Maubing, presumably planning an effort to seize it, a Government communiqué said. They were repulsed in an attack on a village flanking Maubing.

The Karens are trying to isolate Rangoon in a series of perimeter actions. They already have cut off the city from its main rice supply in the North. Associated Press.

FOREIGN POLICY OF ISRAEL

London, January 31.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, broadcast to the nation over Tel Aviv Radio tonight, said that a foreign policy aiming at statehood in co-operation with the United States and the Soviet Union, and based on loyal support for the United Nations, will be one of Israel's fundamental principles after the general elections.

The Government's home policy of progressive labour and agricultural legislation will aim at improving the workers' conditions and laying the foundations of a just social order. Reuter.

BANK HOLD-UP

Miami Beach, Florida.

Bandits today held up the Mercantile Bank on the fashionable Lincoln Road and escaped with an estimated \$70,000. United Press.

New York, February 1.

American manufacturers turned out more than 2,700,000 bicycles in 1948, making the U.S. the world's largest producer of the bicycle. Institute of American reported. Associated Press.

Jerusalem To Be Israeli Capital?

Tel-Aviv, January 31.

Jerusalem soon may be declared the capital of Israel. The Cabinet of Premier David Ben Gurion has appointed a committee of four to arrange the transfer of all government departments from Tel-Aviv to the Holy City.

The Israelis hold only the modern area of Jerusalem. The Arab forces of Transjordan hold the old walled city, which contains monuments sacred to Jews, Christians and Moslems alike.

Most plans for the partition of Palestine have envisaged Jerusalem as being placed under international control rather than as part of either the Arab state in Palestine or of Israel.

It is believed that the Arab leaders will resist any attempt of Israel to include Jerusalem in the new Jewish state. United Press.

Senate Argument Over Marshall Report On China

Washington, February 1.

Senator Styles Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, told the Senate yesterday that the former Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, "did a miserable job" in representing this country in China.

Chairman Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, immediately came to Mr. Marshall's defence.

He blamed "corrupt" Chinese officials for the plight that General Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government find itself in as the result of Communist military victories.

Senator Bridges, long an advocate of increased aid to China, said: "We turned our backs on China, a nation that stood beside us in times of stress."

He added: "Some day that is coming back to haunt the Administration."

He contended that the United States virtually turned China over to the Communists.

"I have a high opinion of General Marshall as Chief of Staff," Senator Bridges said, "but as an emissary of this Government to China, I think he did a miserable job."

Mr. Marshall went to China as a representative of President Truman before becoming Secretary of State.

Marshall Report

Senator William Knowland, Republican, California, suggested that Mr. Connally examine the directive under which Mr. Marshall went to China to see if it stemmed from the Yalta Conference.

Senator Connally, his voice heavy with sarcasm, replied: "Oh, we have got to dig up something on a dead President of the United States."

He said that when Mr. Marshall returned from China he reported that Chiang Kai-shek was surrounded by officials who had lost the confidence of the people.

Marshall said that Chiang did not have the courage to dismiss his old friends who had helped him to power. Mr. Connally continued: "Marshall charged there was graft and corruption and that many of our funds never got to the people themselves."

"He came back with sadness and disappointment. He wasn't bitter. But if he was bitter, it was bitterness against officials who had lost the confidence of the people."

Acheson's Brother

"He could not wave a wand and bring the Nationalists into a love feast with the Communists."

Mr. Bridges touched off the exchange when he demanded to know whether the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, supports the reported views of his brother, Professor Edward C. Acheson, that the United States has "written off" as a lost its expenditures in Greece and China.

In the Senate, before Edward Acheson's statement was issued, Mr. Connally said he does not think that Secretary of State Acheson "should be held responsible for what his professor brother said."

Mr. Bridges said he inferred from the account of a speech by Edward Acheson "that he is for a soft policy" toward Communism. Associated Press.

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Silver exports were 253,406 ounces, of which Canada received 201,219 ounces, Brazil 30,068 ounces, the United Kingdom 22,120 ounces.

London Stock Exchange

London, January 31.

The buying of Government long dated stocks gave a firm tone to the gilt-edged section today. Gains up to 3/16 were recorded.

Industrials followed this lead and there were widespread small improvements among brewers, textiles and tobacco. Trading, however, was small and under the influence of the approaching end of account.

Although the latest developments in international politics have provided dealers with a talking point, they failed to have any marked influence on the market. Dealers preferred to "wait and see".

All shares met one or two small sellers and prices were inclined to be dull. Mexican Eagle came on offer and declined some prices. Burma Oil was particularly out of favour.

Overseas utilities were a little mixed. Argentine and Uruguay issues advanced, the latter on the announcement that the final closing of debenture registers will be February 14 next.

Brazilian rails showed small declines where changed. South African minings were quiet with occasional demand for developers and producers.

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GERMAN RED ON TRIAL

Dusseldorf, January 31.

The West German Communist leader, Max Reimann, went on trial today before a British summary court while 500 of his followers chanted the "Internationale" in the street below and tried to break through the line of German police to enter the court house.

Fifty top police directed by British officers, and troops of the mounted police, broke up the demonstrators but they waited outside until the noon court adjournment and carried Reimann away on their shoulders shouting "polite state" back at officials.

Reimann was charged with urging his followers to "discriminate" against Germans connected with the British and American military authorities—United Press.

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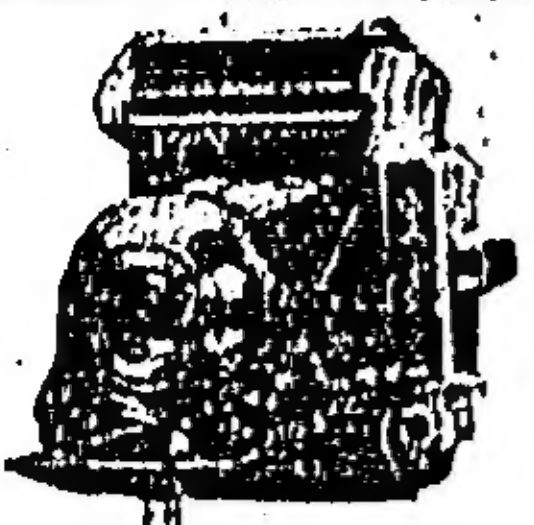
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SAIGON TEAM TROUNCES NON-CHINESE XI, 5-1

Displaying a vast improvement on their two previous performances, the Saigon Interport Soccer XI beat a strong Non-Chinese team by five goals to one at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The Non-Chinese team, Saigon asserted themselves in the first half, but the Saigon XI, who took the lead early in the game, but as play progressed, they fell away badly.

Weakness in the Non-Chinese intermediate line, was the chief cause behind their downfall.

The Saigon defence again gave a good account of itself, while their forwards, opposed by a somewhat weak defence, were seen to better advantage than hitherto.

Although showing glimpses of brilliance, the Non-Chinese team was, on the whole far from impressive.

Saigon were the first to become dangerous when Guichard broke through the Non-Chinese defence, but his partner's effort was by far too weak and easily cleared by Anderson.

Non-Chinese retaliated strongly and from a breakaway, Knox went through to open the scoring with a well placed shot which gave the Saigon team no chance.

The Saigon goal had a narrow escape when Kierman, receiving the ball close in, shot hard. The ball went straight to the goalie, however, and he was able to get it away without much difficulty.

Saigon then launched an all-out attack on the Non-Chinese goal and the latter's defence was subjected to the most anxious moments as the ball was finished about to and fro in front of their goal-mouth.

Saigon forced a corner and from the resultant corner kick, the ball went to Tibb, who made no mistake with a fine header in the corner of the net.

Takes Lead
Heartened by this success, Saigon attacked strongly and took the lead when Tibb, with a crashing shot to the top of the net.

Xavier managed to elude the opposing defence and sent in a fast ground shot, but the goalie was on the mark and saved in grand style.

Following an attack on the Non-Chinese goal, Rocha had the misfortune to place the ball into his own net, thus increasing the Saigon lead.

There was no further scoring before half time.

Crossing over two goals by the Non-Chinese, the Saigon XI, who were unable to penetrate the rock-like defence of the visitors.

Appeal For Books

An appeal for books, new and old, for Mental Hospital patients was made yesterday by the medical authorities. Gifts of literature of any kind, in English or Chinese, will be appreciated and should be sent direct to the officer-in-charge of the Mental Hospital, High Street, said the appeal.

Ideal Golf Weather At Fanling

The Chinese New Year week-end saw all the club houses at Fanling full to capacity. The weather was ideal.

Many and medal competitions were held on both courses as well as a four ball against bogey on Sunday afternoon which proved very popular.

Some excellent scores were returned and many handicaps will be affected in consequence.

The Bogey on the Old Course was won by Mr. A. D. Duffy, a new comer to Hong Kong, who returned 6 up with Mr. H. J. Armstrong runner up with 5 up.

The medal was won by Mr. R. L. S. Webb with a net 64. Mr. P. M. McDonnell was runner up with a net 67.

On the New Course, the Medal was won by Mr. W. J. Dyer with a net 69 and the Bogey by Mr. W. Hung with 1 up.

The four-ball against bogey on Sunday was won by Messrs. K. A. Miller and N. H. Oliver with 7 up. Messrs. J. Forbes and L. Jackson were second with 5 up.

Next Sunday, the semi-finals of the Junior Championship and a medal round on the New Course will be played.

Members will find next week-end that the previous custom of having the caddies graded into two classes has been re-introduced. Members are still asked to report on caddies as by this means all can get a second class caddies get a chance of promotion.

Soccer Programme

The following is the soccer programme for this coming week-end:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
First Division
CAA v. Army, Boundary, 4 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linemen: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

South China "B" v. KMB; Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney; Linemen: B. Y. Kwok and J. A. Davey.

RAP v. Club, Bookung, 4 p.m.; Referee: A. Gues; Linemen: J. Day and Mak Yung Fat.

SECOND DIVISION
Police v. Solicitors' Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: J. A. Williams; Linemen: St. Joseph's v. Kib Chai; Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: L. A. Davey.

Army-UK v. Tramways; Bookung, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: J. Day.

Dockyard v. PCA; Navy, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: Lai Duen Fo.

Club v. WD Chinese; Army "A", 2.30 p.m.; Referee: P. A. Barrett.

Army-KL v. South China; Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: N. Delgado.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6
First Division
Kwong Wah v. St. Joseph's; Boundary, 4 p.m.; Referee: A. F. Williams; Linemen: M. Liu and P. Collins.

Eastern v. Police; Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee: J. G. Padley; Linemen: P. P. Li and V. T. Leung.

Navy v. Kib Chai; Navy, 4 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Stone; Linemen: A. Rebelro and Cheung Moon Wing.

South China "A" (bye).

SECOND DIVISION
KMB v. CAA; Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: P. Collins.

Navy v. Talkoo; Navy, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

Eastern v. University, cancelled.

University Shuttlers Overwhelm Chinese 'Y'

In the replay of the Senior Men's Division League Fixture, for which the Y's had earlier refused to receive a walk-over, the University "A" scored their biggest win this season, when they emerged victorious by nine games to nil.

The failure of Patrick Wong to turn up for the game due to a misunderstanding over the play-date, left a completely deranged and demoralised "Y" team, and the issue was never in doubt even before the first service was made.

It was a disappointing night to the numerous enthusiasts who had expected a closely and keenly contested game rather than the half-hearted attempts of the losers.

Not to detract any credit from the undergrads, however, it must be admitted that they played an inspired game throughout and out-manoeuvred their opponents with their speed and agility.

The full scores are:
K. S. Low and T. T. Chin beat W. F. Foo and Bill Funk 21-10, beat P. K. Hooi and Ramon Young 21-3, beat D. C. Lau and Robert Tay 21-0.

H. T. Heah and T. B. Teoh beat W. F. Foo and Bill Funk 21-18, beat P. K. Hooi and Ramon Young 21-3, beat D. C. Lau and Robert Tay 21-0.

C. K. Lee and S. A. Vanar beat W. F. Foo and Bill Funk 21-18, beat P. K. Hooi and Ramon Young 21-17, beat D. C. Lau and Robert Tay 21-0.

Senior Men's Doubles League positions:
University "A" P W L F A P
Chinese YMCA 2 2 0 17 1 4
Recreio 3 2 1 7 11 2
KCC 3 0 3 5 22 0

Tonight's Games
Men's Doubles "B" Division
Kowloon Tong "A" v. University, VRC "A" v. St. John's "A".

KCC v. Kowloon Dock, Chung Wah v. RAP, St. Joseph's "B" v. Kowloon, St. John's "B" v. Chinese YMCA, Recreio v. VRC "B".

Lucas to Head AMATEUR GOLFERS
Left-handed Percy Lucas will captain Britain's amateur golfers Cup matches at Mamaroneck, New York, on August 19 and 20.

He was given the captaincy yesterday by the Selection Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

Francis Oulmet of Boston will captain the American team. The British team of 10 will be completed by May 29, the day after the British Amateur championships end at Fortnack, Eire.

Lucas is 33 and competed in the 1947 Walker Cup matches at St. Andrew's.—Associated Press.

West Indies Gain Deserved Victory

Madras, January 31. West Indies gained a well deserved victory in the fourth Test here today when they beat India by an innings and 193 runs.

It is the first time that a definite decision has been reached in the present series—all three previous Tests having been drawn. The fifth and last Test, which is held at Bombay, starts on Friday.

After establishing their batting superiority in scoring 582 in the first innings, West Indies today forced India to follow on 337 runs behind.

The home side, which has always batted well in its innings in previous Tests, collapsed against the first bowling of Prior Jones and John Trim and were out for 144—the lowest Test total of the series.

Vijay Merchant, former Indian Test captain, described the tourists as probably the strongest batting side ever to visit India, but the West Indies failed in previous Tests to turn their batting superiority to advantage.

Whether it had been the caution of the batsmen at the time or the lack of venom in the bowling, is a matter for conjecture, but John Goddard, the West Indies captain, at last discovered a combination capable of getting India out twice.

Aided by a lively wicket, Trim and Jones had a particularly good match. Jones finished with a match analysis of six for 58 and Trim, who was omitted from the previous Tests, took seven wickets for an average of less than 11 runs apiece.

A nasty pitch at one end of the wicket was clearly exploited by Trim today, and the ball continuously came through at varying heights. Even Goddard, a medium-paced bowler, caused the batsmen to duck on occasions.

Goddard, making full use of the situation, concentrated his efforts on the leg side, and most of the batsmen who tried to hook the rising ball were caught in the carefully laid trap.—Reuter.

TB CLAIMS FIVE DAILY
An average of five persons died daily from tuberculosis during 1948, according to the Department of Statistics.

Total deaths from tuberculosis during the year 1948, in the same period, 6,379 cases of tuberculosis were registered with the health authorities.

Total deaths from all causes during 1948 was 18,433.

Local Soccer Standings
FIRST DIVISION
Goals
S. China "A" 18 12 1 0 40 13 25
Chinese AA 18 9 0 2 32 10 19
K. Motor Bus 18 11 2 2 33 15 19
Army 18 8 2 1 22 12 18
Eastern 18 6 3 4 22 24 14
S. China "B" 18 5 3 4 31 30 18
Kib Chai 18 4 1 8 28 18 10
St. Joseph's 18 4 4 2 22 10 10
RAP 18 4 4 2 22 10 10
Club 18 4 4 2 22 10 10
Kwong Wah 18 1 1 1 11 14 18 2

SECOND DIVISION
Goals
Chinese AA 18 11 1 2 30 17 22
South China 18 11 2 2 33 15 19
K. Motor Bus 18 10 2 1 33 15 19
Army-KL 18 10 2 1 48 18 19
Navy 18 10 2 1 48 18 19
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MCC ALL OUT FOR 193 RUNS
Bulawayo, January 31. The MCC were all out here today for 193, their lowest total of the tour, but gained a first innings lead over Rhodesia of 19 runs. At the close of play on the second day Rhodesia had lost five second innings wickets for 120.

For their first innings lead the MCC had largely to thank Roland Jenkins and Cliff Gladwin, who put on 73 for the eighth wicket.

Full Share Of Thrills In HK-Macao Race

Robbers At Races

Colombo, February 1. A group of armed robbers disguised as police men held up a group of the Ceylon Turf Club yesterday and made away with nearly 400,000 Rupees (£30,000).

They stopped the clerks at gun point between the race course and a bank, pushed them out of their car and took a trunk containing the money.—Associated Press.

German Red Sentenced To 3 Months
Duesseldorf, February 1. West Germany's Communist chief, Herr Max Reimann, was sentenced to three months in jail today for publicly "encouraging discrimination" against German politicians who co-operate with the Western occupation powers.

Four hundred of Reimann's followers immediately greeted the verdict by a British summary court with a protest march down Duesseldorf's main boulevard.

Mounted police were called out to reinforce the foot patrolmen who had cordoned off the court house from the gangs of demonstrators during the trial.

The protest marchers carried placards denouncing German placings and sang the Internationale.

The poker-faced Reimann was taken to a cell immediately after the verdict was announced.

It will be the third prison sentence served by the 60-year-old Communist in his stormy career. He spent five years in a Nazi concentration camp and during World War I was jailed for anti-militarist activity.—United Press.

Feted At Macao
Upon reaching Macao, all crews were entertained at the Riveira Hotel by the Portuguese Navy.

It was suggested by Mr. P. J. Lobo, a high official there, that a Macao Yacht Club race to Hong Kong should be arranged for the near future.

On Monday, after preparing for a grand departure for Hong Kong, the members were dismayed to find the Macao waters at a muddy low, but by 9.30 all vessels were cleared off the harbour limits.

From Macao onward the vessels under power cast loose their bows only to find the fog descending. Visibility at one stage was just about three feet.

Before mid-day the fog lifted and a mild South Easterly wind arose and lasted to about 3 p.m. By this time all vessels under power had lost sight of those under wind.

A cluster of one Jubilee, one cruiser, and one dragon were towed by the Aquilla into Cheung Chau Island.

There, members of the vessels under wind transferred to the Aquilla which, blinded by the fog, lost its bearings and bore down on the Western tip of Cheung Chau Island, suffering serious damage below the water line.

Members however, got ashore and contacted the police and the fisheries people who assisted generously, towing all vessels safely into port.

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ITALIAN BOXER OUTPOINTED
Nottingham, January 31. Amleto Falcinelli, Italian bantamweight champion, was outpointed by Stan Rowan, chief contender for the British title, over ten rounds here tonight.

The verdict was unpopular with a section of the crowd, who accorded the Italian a great reception at the end.

The speedy Falcinelli revolved in two-handed attacks, but Rowan showed strong defence, and in the eighth round had his opponent really in trouble following a flurry of blows to the head.—Reuter.

NEW MOTORWAYS FOR BRITAIN
London, January 31. The House of Commons tonight passed a bill under which 900 miles of new motorways will be built in Britain at an estimated cost of £150,000,000. The bill now awaits the approval of the House of Lords.

The motorways will be entirely for motor traffic but will be provided with special side-roads for walkers and cyclists. One motorway will run North from London as far as Carlisle.

A road to the West and another forming a ring round London are considered probable.—Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN BRITAIN
London, January 31. Intense political activity is taking place all over Britain in preparation for the municipal elections in April and May. They will form an important pointer for the 1950 general elections.

The Conservatives plan to employ more women candidates than ever before. Labour's aim is to contest every seat.—Reuter.

The annual general meeting of the Parents' Association of the King George V School will be held next Monday at the European YMCA. The meeting will open at 5.30 a.m. Tea will be served at 6 p.m.

SWEDISH TRADE WITH RUSSIA
Moscow, January 31. A Swedish trade delegation arrived in Moscow yesterday, the official Soviet news agency Tass, reported tonight.—Reuter.

The Colony's yachtsmen—and yachswomen too,—had their full share of thrills and spills during the Hong Kong-Macao race arranged by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over the week-end.

The voyage out was blessed with all the kindnesses of the sun the wind and the sea. But the journey home became, as one of the voyagers described, hectic.

The fog which began on Monday morning and worsened as the day wore on, was the cause of part of the racing fleet meeting trouble at Cheung Chau.

With the help of the Police and the Fisheries authorities at Cheung Chau however, they were put back to harbour not in the glorious way the members had hoped, but nevertheless quite safe and unharmed.

Two leaks in the hull of the racing boat, which was towed home by a Water Police launch yesterday afternoon, one left in Cheung Chau will be brought in tomorrow.

A fleet of some 20 vessels competed in the race including 10 cruisers and other smaller craft.

The race to Macao followed a course through Kaplimun Pass, the Brothers and a reach to the North of the Portuguese Colony.

The Dragons however, maintained a close course on the Lantau shore and succeeded in catching the first gust of the South Easterly wind at about 2 p.m. on Sunday. This course proved to be better than the Northerly one taken by La Cigale, Arli III, and Aquilla.

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Prisoner Of Vietnamese
San Diego, California, February 1. The son of a U.S. Navy officer is reported to have been captured as a French Legionnaire by Indo-China natives.

He is Truett Cary Lusk, Jr., 21, son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Lusk of San Diego. A letter from Saigon informed his mother of his capture.

Young Lusk joined the French Foreign Legion two years ago; his mother said, after service in the Canadian Army.—Associated Press.

ROYAL COUPLE TO TOUR LANCES
London, January 31. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will tour Lancashire on March 29 and 30, visiting Manchester, Liverpool and Preston, it was announced from Buckingham Palace today.

On February 29 they will attend their first function together in London this year when they attend a preview of the Ideal Homes Exhibition at Olympia.

On May 3 the Princess and the Duke will visit the British Industries Fair at Earl's Court at Birmingham.—Reuter.

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REBUILDING OF EUROPE
Geneva, January 31. Housing experts from Eastern and Western European countries and the United States met here today to try to modernize Europe's building industry.

The experts are faced by an estimate made by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that it will take nearly 40 years to provide adequate housing for Europeans at the present rate of building.

The Economic Commission also reported that the building industry is making a slower recovery from the war than any other major European industry.

The countries represented at the meeting are Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Greece, Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

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